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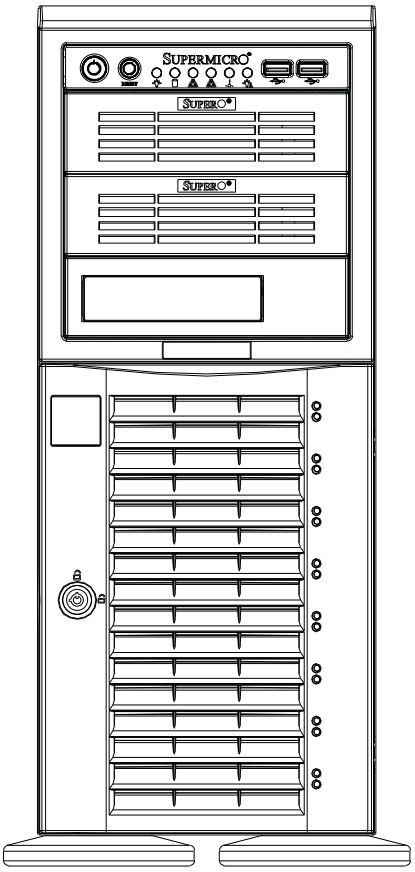

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Preface

About This Manual

This manual is written for professional system integrators and PC technicians. It provides information for the installation and use of the SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T. Installation and maintenance should be performed by experienced technicians only.

The SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T is a high-end system based on the SC743TQ-865B-SQ tower/4U rackmount chassis and the X8DA3 (7046A-3) or X8DAi (7046A-T) serverboard.

Manual Organization

Chapter 1: Introduction

The first chapter provides a checklist of the main components included with the system and describes the main features of the X8DA3 and X8DAi serverboards and the SC743TQ-865B-SQ chassis.

Chapter 2: Server Installation

This chapter describes the steps necessary to setup the SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T into a rack and check out the server configuration prior to powering up the system. If your system was ordered without processor and memory components, this chapter will refer you to the appropriate sections of the manual for their installation.

Chapter 3: System Interface

Refer here for details on the system interface, which includes the functions and information provided by the control panel on the chassis as well as other LEDs located throughout the system.

Chapter 4: System Safety

You should thoroughly familiarize yourself with this chapter for a general overview of safety precautions that should be followed when installing and servicing the SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T.

Chapter 5: Advanced Serverboard Setup

Chapter 5 provides detailed information on the X8DA3/X8DAi serverboard, including the locations and functions of connections, headers and jumpers. Refer to this chapter when adding or removing processors or main memory and when reconfiguring the serverboard.

Chapter 6: Advanced Chassis Setup

Refer to Chapter 6 for detailed information on the SC743TQ-865B-SQ chassis. You should follow the procedures given in this chapter when installing, removing or reconfiguring SAS or peripheral drives and when replacing system power supply units and cooling fans.

Chapter 7: BIOS

The BIOS chapter includes an introduction to BIOS and provides detailed information on running the CMOS Setup Utility.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1-1 Overview

The 7046A-3/7046A-T is a high-end workstation comprised of two main subsystems: the SC743TQ-865B-SQ tower/4U chassis and the X8DA3/X8DAi dual Intel® Xeon® processor serverboard. Please refer to our web site for information on operating systems that have been certified for use with the SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T (www.supermicro.com).

In addition to the serverboard and chassis, various hardware components have been included with the SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T, as listed below:

- Two 8-cm hot-swap PWM "SuperQuiet" chassis fans (FAN-0104L4)
- One 9-cm PWM "SuperQuiet" exhaust fan (FAN-0103L4)
- Two CPU heatsinks (SNK-P0040AP4)
- SAS/SATA Accessories
  One SATA backplane (CSE-SAS-743TQ)
  Two SAS cables (CBL-0118L02, 7046A-3)
  Six SATA cables (CBL-0061L, 7046A-T)
  Two SGPIO cables (CBL-0157L)
  One internal to external IEEE1394 "FireWire" cable (CBL-0173L)
  Eight SATA hot-swap drive carriers [CSE-PT17(B)]
- Optional:
  Two 8-cm PWM fans (FAN-0104L4)
  One rackmount kit [CSE-PT26L-(B)]

1-2 Serverboard Features

At the heart of the SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T lies the X8DA3/X8DAi, a dual processor serverboard based on the Intel IOH36D + ICH10R chipset. Below are the main features of the X8DA3/X8DAi. (See Figure 1-1 for a block diagram of the chipset).

Processors

The X8DA3/X8DAi supports dual Intel Nehalem EP processors (next generation Intel Xeon® processor). Please refer to the serverboard description pages on our web site for a complete listing of supported processors (www.supermicro.com).

Memory

The X8DA3/X8DAi has twelve DIMM slots that can support up to 96 GB of registered ECC DDR3-1333/1066/800 SDRAM. See Chapter 5 for details.

Onboard SAS (7046A-3 only)

An onboard LSI 1068E SAS controller in integrated into the X8DA3 that supports eight SAS ports. The hot-swap SAS drives are connected to a backplane that provides power, bus termination and configuration settings.

Note: The operating system you use must have RAID support to enable the hot-swap capability and RAID function of the SAS drives. RAID 0, 1, 5 and 10 are supported. Refer to the following ftp site for setup guidelines <ftp://ftp.supermicro.com/driver/SAS/LSI/LSI_SAS_EmbMRAID_SWUG.pdf>.

Serial ATA

A SATA controller is integrated into the South Bridge (ICH10R) section of the chipset to provide a six-port Serial ATA subsystem, which is RAID 0, 1, 10 and 5 capable. The Serial ATA drives are hot-swappable units.

Note: The operating system you use must have RAID support to enable the hot-swap capability and RAID function of the Serial ATA drives.

PCI Expansion Slots

The X8DA3/X8DAi has two PCI-E 2.0 x16, one PCI-E x4 (in a x8 slot) and three 32-bit PCI slots.

Onboard Controllers/Ports

One floppy drive controller is provided on the serverboard. The color-coded I/O ports include one COM port, four USB 2.0 ports, PS/2 mouse and keyboard ports, two Gb Ethernet ports and six HDA (High Definition Audio) ports. Two IEEE 1394a "Firewire" ports are also included onboard.

Other Features

Other onboard features that promote system health include onboard voltage monitors, a chassis intrusion header, auto-switching voltage regulators, chassis and CPU overheat sensors, virus protection and BIOS rescue.

1-3 Chassis Features

The SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T is a scaleable system designed with today's most state-of-the-art features. The following is a general outline of the main features of the SC743TQ-865B-SQ chassis.

System Power

The 7046A-3/7046A-T features a single 865W power supply. This power supply unit has been designed to operate at a low noise level to make it ideal for use in a workstation environment.

SAS Subsystem

The SC743TQ-865B-SQ chassis was designed to support eight SAS hard drives, which are hot-swappable units (7046A-3 only).

Front Control Panel

The control panel on the SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T provides you with system monitoring and control. LEDs indicate system power, HDD activity, network activity, overheat conditions and power supply failure. A main power button and a system reset button are also included.

Note: the power supply fail LED indicates the power supply fan has failed.

I/O Backplane

The SC743TQ-865B-SQ is an ATX form factor chassis that can be used as a tower or mounted in a 4U rackmount configuration. The I/O backplane provides seven expansion slots, one COM port, four USB 2.0 ports, PS/2 mouse and keyboard ports, two Gigabit Ethernet port(s) and 7.1 HDA ports.

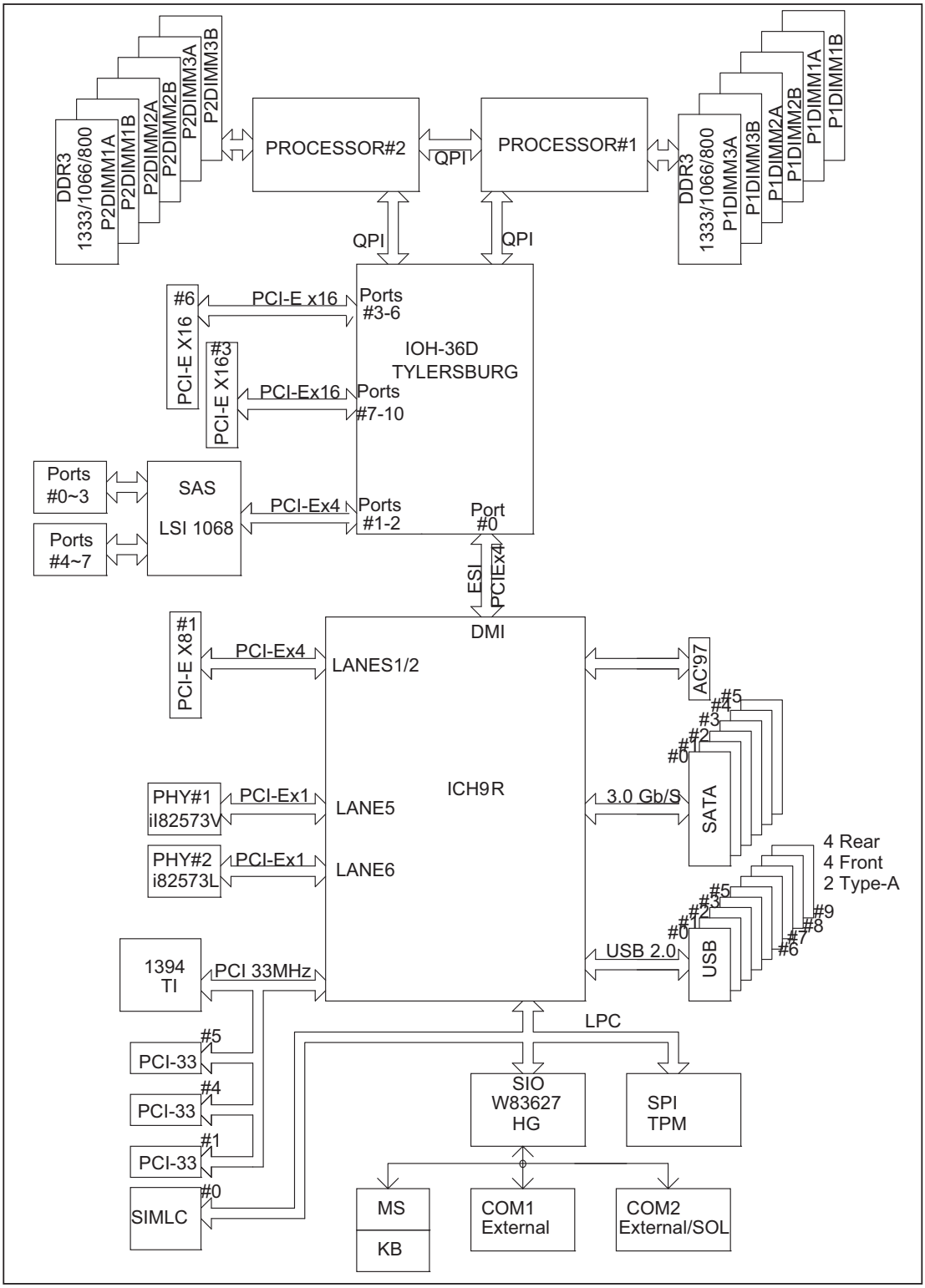
Cooling System

The SC743TQ-865B-SQ chassis has an innovative "Super Quiet" cooling design that provides sufficient cooling at very low noise level - ideal for a workplace environment. The chassis includes two 8-cm hot-plug PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) system cooling fans located in the middle of the chassis. A 9-cm PWM exhaust fan is also located at the rear of the chassis.

The power supply has two fans for redundancy; if one fan fails the other will incease its rpm to compensate. This may cause the system to run louder than usual. See details in Chapter 6.

Figure 1-1. Intel IOH36D/ICH10R Chipset: System Block Diagram

Note: This is a general block diagram. Please see Chapter 5 for details.



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Chapter 2

Installation

2-1 Overview

This chapter provides a quick setup checklist to get your SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T up and running. Following these steps in the order given should enable you to have the system operational within a minimum amount of time. This quick setup assumes that your system has come to you with the processor and memory preinstalled. If your system is not already fully integrated with a serverboard, processor, system memory etc., please turn to the chapter or section noted in each step for details on installing specific components.

The 7046A-3/7046A-T may be employed either as a tower or mounted in a rack as a 4U rackmount chassis. If using it as a tower unit, please read the Server Precautions in the next section and then skip ahead to Section 2-5.

2-2 Unpacking the System

You should inspect the box the system was shipped in and note if it was damaged in any way. If the system itself shows damage you should file a damage claim with the carrier who delivered it.

Decide on a suitable location for the SuperWorkstation. It should be situated in a clean, dust-free area that is well ventilated. Avoid areas where heat, electrical noise and electromagnetic fields are generated. You will also need it placed near a grounded power outlet. Be sure to read the Rack and Server Precautions in the next section.

2-3 Preparing for Setup

The box the system was shipped in may include two sets of rail assemblies, two rail mounting brackets and mounting screws needed for installing the system into a rack (optional kit). Follow the steps in the order given to complete the installation process in a minimum amount of time. Please read this section in its entirety before you begin the installation procedure outlined in the sections that follow.

Choosing a Setup Location

- Leave enough clearance in front of the rack to enable you to open the front door completely (~25 inches) and approximately 30 inches of clearance in the back of the rack to allow for sufficient airflow and ease in servicing.
- This product is for installation only in a Restricted Access Location (dedicated equipment rooms, service closets and the like).
- This product is not suitable for use with visual display work place devices acccording to §2 of the the German Ordinance for Work with Visual Display Units.

Warnings and Precautions!

Rack Precautions

- Ensure that the leveling jacks on the bottom of the rack are fully extended to the floor with the full weight of the rack resting on them.
- In single rack installation, stabilizers should be attached to the rack. In multiple rack installations, the racks should be coupled together.
- Always make sure the rack is stable before extending a component from the rack.
- You should extend only one component at a time - extending two or more simultaneously may cause the rack to become unstable.

Server Precautions

- Review the electrical and general safety precautions in Chapter 4.
- Determine the placement of each component in the rack *before* you install the rails.
- Install the heaviest server components on the bottom of the rack first, and then work up.
- Use a regulating uninterruptible power supply (UPS) to protect the server from power surges, voltage spikes and to keep your system operating in case of a power failure.

- Allow the hot plug SAS/SATA drives and power supply modules to cool before touching them.

- Always keep the rack's front door and all panels and components on the servers closed when not servicing to maintain proper cooling.

Rack Mounting Considerations

Ambient Operating Temperature

If installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the ambient operating temperature of the rack environment may be greater than the ambient temperature of the room. Therefore, consideration should be given to installing the equipment in an environment compatible with the manufacturer's maximum rated ambient temperature (Tmra).

Reduced Airflow

Equipment should be mounted into a rack so that the amount of airflow required for safe operation is not compromised.

Mechanical Loading

Equipment should be mounted into a rack so that a hazardous condition does not arise due to uneven mechanical loading.

Circuit Overloading

Consideration should be given to the connection of the equipment to the power supply circuitry and the effect that any possible overloading of circuits might have on overcurrent protection and power supply wiring. Appropriate consideration of equipment nameplate ratings should be used when addressing this concern.

Reliable Ground

A reliable ground must be maintained at all times. To ensure this, the rack itself should be grounded. Particular attention should be given to power supply connections other than the direct connections to the branch circuit (i.e. the use of power strips, etc.).

2-4 Installing the System into a Rack

This section provides information on installing the system into a rack unit. Rack installation requires the use of the optional rackmount kit. If the system has already been mounted into a rack or if you are using it as a tower, you can skip ahead to Sections 2-5 and 2-6.

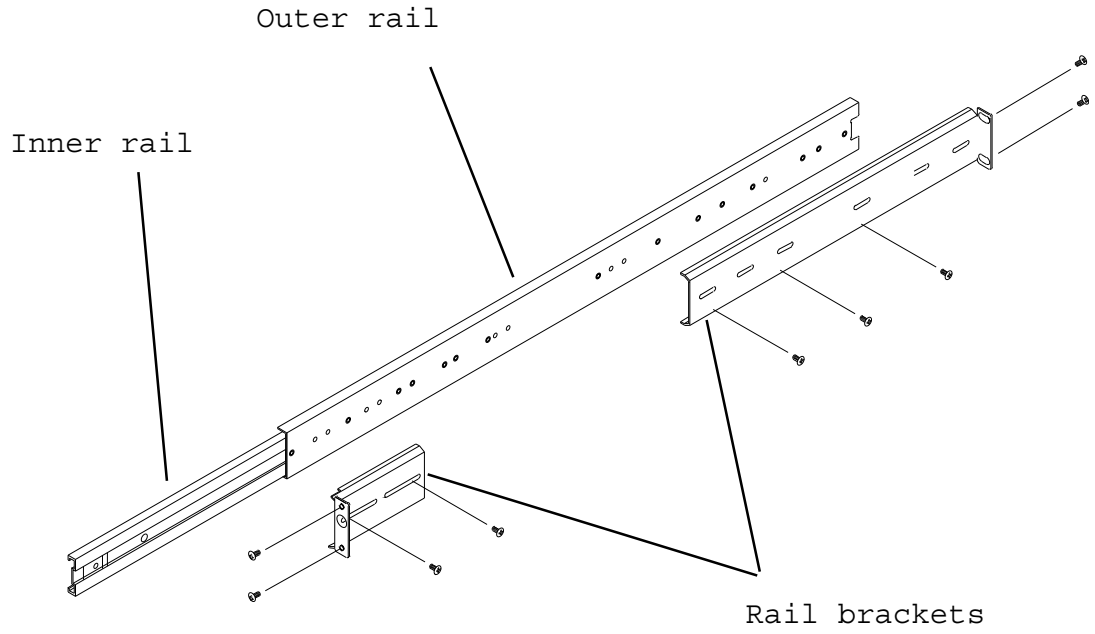
There are a variety of rack units on the market, which may mean the assembly procedure will differ slightly. The following is a guideline for installing the system into a rack with the rack rails provided in the rackmount kit. You should also refer to the installation instructions that came with the rack unit you are using.

Identifying the Sections of the Rack Rails

The optional rackmount kit includes two rack rail assemblies. Each of these assemblies consist of three sections: an inner fixed chassis rail that secures to the chassis, an outer rack rail that secures directly to the rack itself and two rail brackets, which also attack to the rack (see Figure 2-1.) The inner and outer rails must be detached from each other to install.

To remove the inner chassis rail, pull it out as far as possible - you should hear a "click" sound as a locking tab emerges from inside the rail assembly and locks the inner rail. Depress the locking tab to pull the inner rail completely out. Do this for both assemblies (one for each side).

Figure 2-1. Identifying the Sections of the Rack Rails



Installing the Chassis Rails

You will need to remove the top cover and the feet to add rack rails to the chassis. First, remove the top and right covers (top and left covers when standing as a tower chassis) by first removing the screws that secure them to the chassis. Depress the button on the top (side if tower) of the chassis to release the cover and then pull the cover off. Then unscrew the four feet and remove them from the chassis (see Figure 2-2).

You can now attach rack rails to the top and bottom (now the sides) of the chassis. First add the rack handles. Then position the inner chassis rail sections you just removed along the side of the chassis making sure the screw holes line up. Note that these two rails are left/right specific. Screw the rail securely to the side of the chassis (see Figure 2-3). Repeat this procedure for the other rail on the other side of the chassis. You will also need to attach the rail brackets when installing into a telco rack.

Locking Tabs: As mentioned, the chassis rails have a locking tab, which serves two functions. The first is to lock the system into place when installed and pushed fully into the rack, which is its normal position. Secondly, these tabs also lock the system in place when fully extended from the rack. This prevents the system from coming completely out of the rack when you pull it out for servicing.

Figure 2-2. Preparing to Install the Chassis Rails

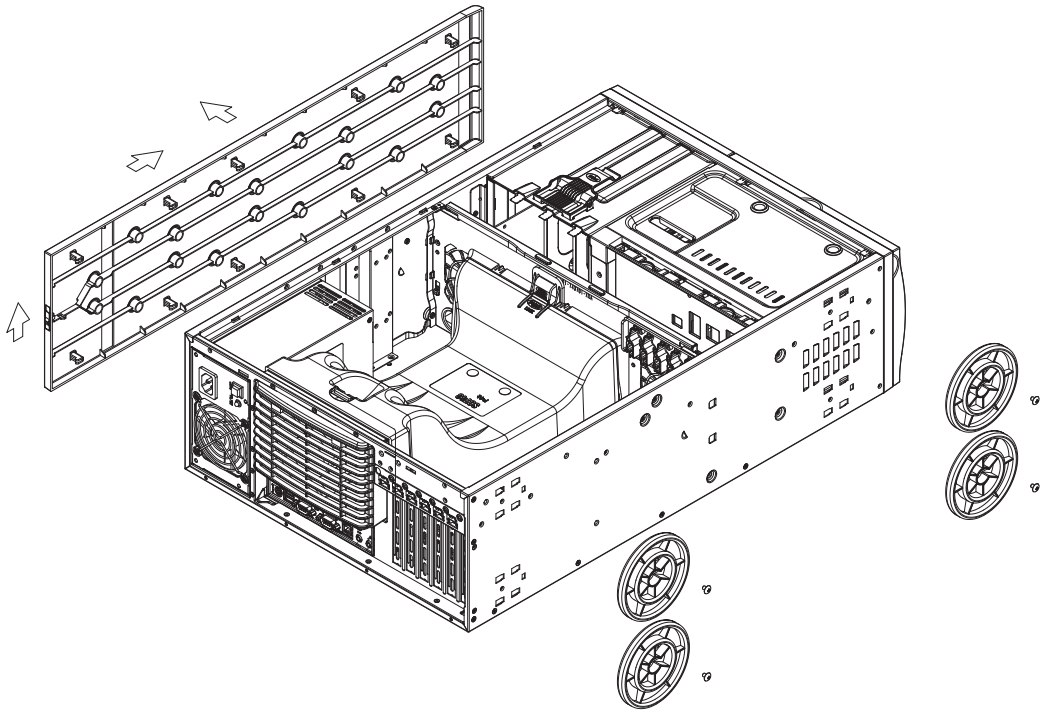
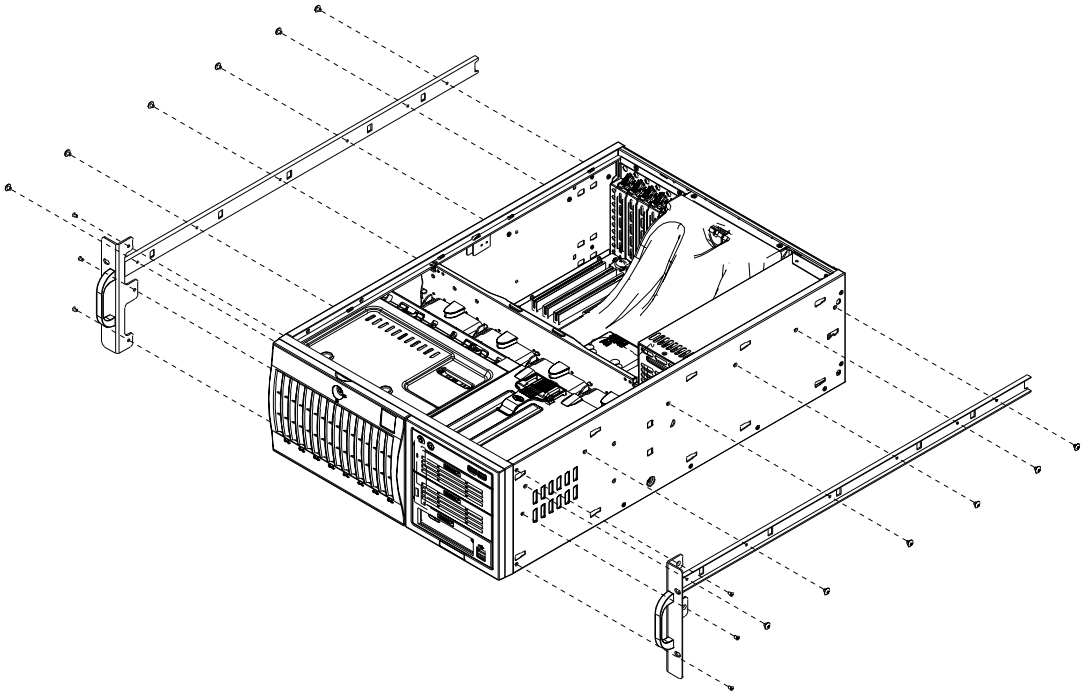


Figure 2-3. Installing the Rails to the Chassis



Installing the Rack Rails

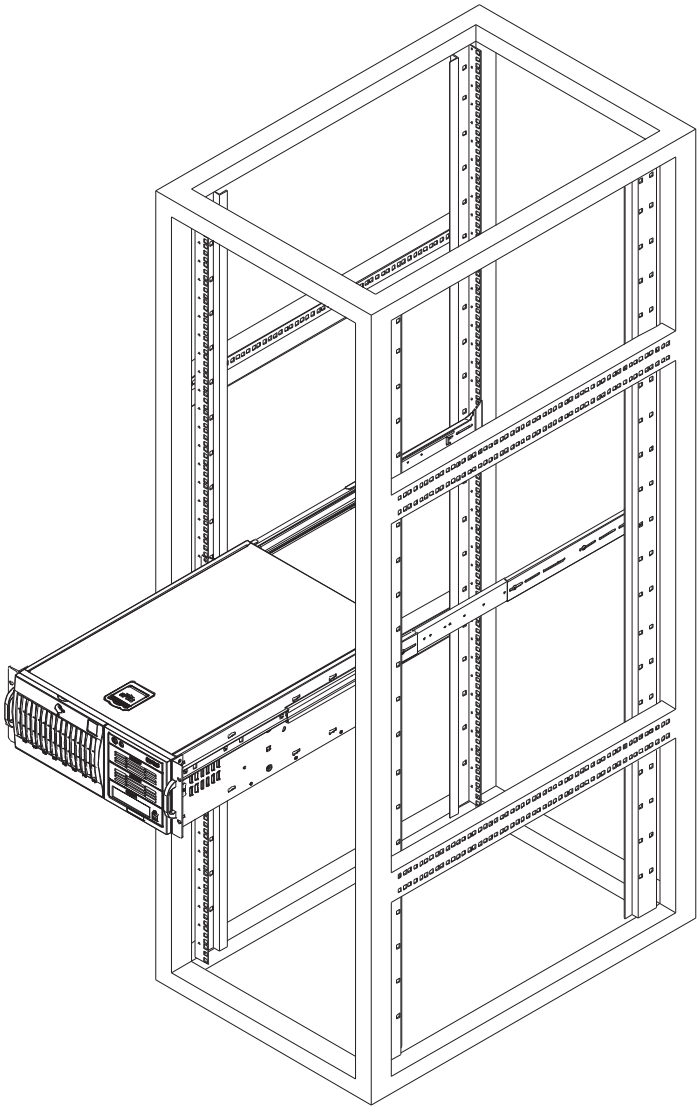
Determine where you want to place the SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T in the rack. (See Rack and Server Precautions in Section 2-3.) Position the fixed rack rail/sliding rail guide assemblies at the desired location in the rack, keeping the sliding rail guide facing the inside of the rack. Screw the assembly securely to the rack using the brackets provided. Attach the other assembly to the other side of the rack, making sure both are at the exact same height and with the rail guides facing inward.

Installing the System into the Rack

You should now have rails attached to both the chassis and the rack unit. The next step is to install the system into the rack. You should have two brackets in the rack mount kit. Install these first keeping in mind that they are left/right specific (marked with "L" and "R"). Then, line up the rear of the chassis rails with the front of the rack rails. Slide the chassis rails into the rack rails, keeping the pressure even on both sides (you may have to depress the locking tabs when inserting).

When the system has been pushed completely into the rack, you should hear the locking tabs "click". Finish by inserting and tightening the thumbscrews that hold the front of the chassis to the rack (see Figure 2-4).

Figure 2-4. Installing the System into a Rack



2-5 Checking the Serverboard Setup

After setting up the the system, you will need to open the unit to make sure the serverboard is properly installed and all the connections have been made.

Accessing the Inside of the System

1. If rack mounted, first release the retention screws that secure the unit to the rack. Then grasp the two handles on either side and pull the unit straight out until it locks (you will hear a "click").

2. There are two screws that secure the cover to the chassis - remove these first. Locate the latch on the top (side if tower) of the chassis - depress where it says "push" then lift the latch to release the cover. You can then lift the cover from the chassis to gain full access to the inside of the system. See Figure 2-5.

Checking the Components and Setup

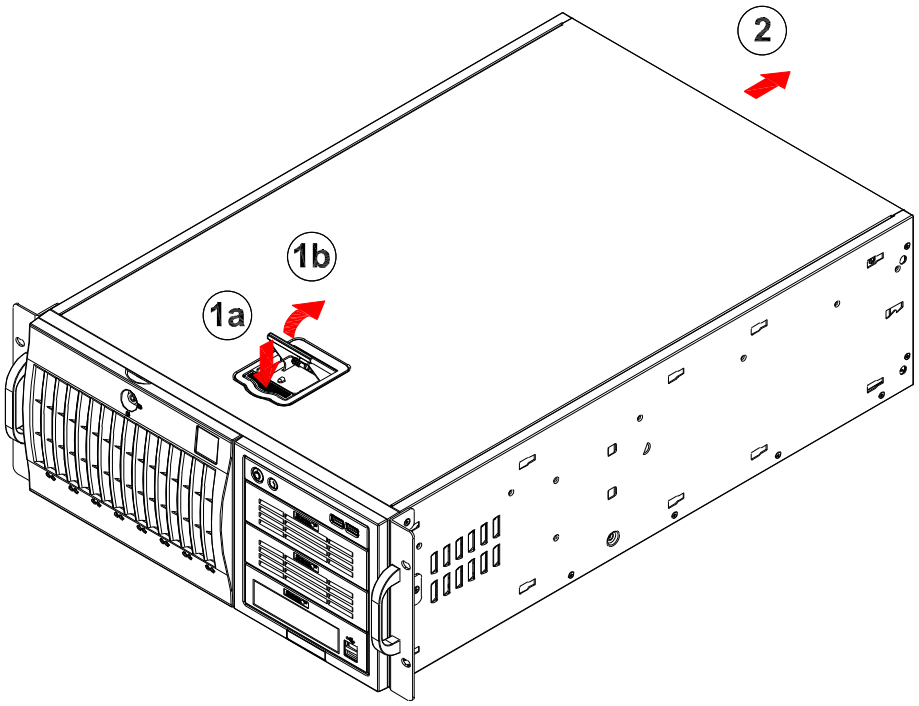
1. You may have a processor already installed into the serverboard. The processor should have its own heatsink attached. See Chapter 5 for instructions on processor installation.

2. Your system may have come with system memory already installed. Make sure all DIMMs are fully seated in their slots. For details on adding system memory, refer to Chapter 5.

3. If desired, you can install add-on cards to the system. See Chapter 5 for details on installing PCI add-on cards.

4. Make sure all power and data cables are properly connected and not blocking the chassis airflow. See Chapter 5 for details on cable connections.

Figure 2-5. Accessing the Inside of the System (Rack Configuration shown)



2-6 Checking the Drive Bay Setup

Next, you should check to make sure the peripheral drives and the SAS/SATA drives and backplane have been properly installed and all connections have been made.

Checking the Drives

1. The SAS disk drives can be installed and removed from the front of the chassis without removing any chassis covers.

2. To install components into the 5.25" drive bays, you must first remove the top/left chassis cover as described in the previous section. Refer to Chapter 6 for details.

3. Refer to Chapter 6 if you need to reinstall a DVD-ROM and/or floppy disk drive to the system.

4. Depending upon your system's configuration, your system may have one or more drives already installed. If you need to install hard drives, please refer to Chapter 6.

Checking the Airflow

1. Airflow is provided by two hot-swap 8-cm chassis fans and one 9-cm exhaust fan, which is also mounted at the rear of the chassis. The system component layout was carefully designed to promote sufficient airflow through the chassis.

2. Note that all power and data cables have been routed in such a way that they do not block the airflow generated by the fans. Keep this in mind when you reroute them after working on the system.

Providing Power

1. Plug the power cords from the power supplies unit into a high-quality power strip that offers protection from electrical noise and power surges. It is recommended that you use an uninterruptible power supply (UPS).

2. Depress the power on button on the front of the chassis.

Chapter 3

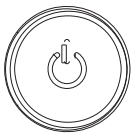
System Interface

3-1 Overview

The control panel on the 7046A-3/7046A-T has several LEDs and two buttons. There are also two LEDs on each hard drive carrier. These LEDs keep you constantly informed of the overall status of the system and the activity and health of specific components.

3-2 Control Panel Buttons

There are two push-buttons located on the front of the chassis: a power on/off button and a reset button.



Power

This is the main power button, which is used to apply or turn off the main system power. Turning off system power with this button removes the main power but keeps standby power supplied to the system.

Reset

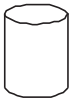
Use the reset button to reboot the system.

3-3 Control Panel LEDs

The control panel located on the front of the SC743TQ-865B-SQ chassis has six LEDs that provide you with critical information related to different parts of the system. This section explains what each LED indicates when illuminated and any corrective action you may need to take.

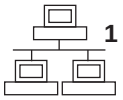
Power

Indicates power is being supplied to the system's power supply. This LED should normally be on when the system is operating.



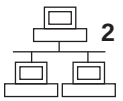
HDD

This LED indicates SAS (on the 7046A-3 only) or SATA drive activity when flashing.



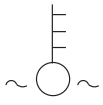
NIC1

Indicates network activity on LAN1 when flashing.



NIC2

Indicates network activity on LAN2 when flashing.



Overheat/Fan Fail

When this LED flashes, it indicates a chassis fan failure. When on continuously it indicates an overheat condition, which may be caused by cables obstructing the

airflow in the system or the ambient room temperature being too warm. Check the routing of the cables and make sure all fans are present and operating normally. You should also check to make sure that the chassis covers are installed. Finally, verify that the heatsinks are installed properly (see Chapter 5). This LED will remain flashing or on as long as the indicated condition exists.

Power Fail

Indicates a power supply fan has failed. The power supply module has a redundant backup fan that will increase its rpm to compensate, but the power module should be replaced as soon as it's convenient.

3-4 Drive Carrier LEDs

Note: the LEDs of some drive carriers may not function depending on the number of drives that are supported by the serverboard and/or backplane.

- **Green:** When illuminated, the green LED on the front of the hard drive carrier indicates drive activity. A connection to the drive backplane enables this LED to blink on and off when that particular drive is being accessed.

- **Red:** The SES2 backplane activates the red LED to indicate a drive failure. If one of the hard drives fail, you should be notified by your system management software. Please refer to Chapter 6 for instructions on replacing failed hard drives.

Notes

Chapter 4

System Safety

4-1 Electrical Safety Precautions

Basic electrical safety precautions should be followed to protect yourself from harm and the SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T from damage:

- Be aware of the locations of the power on/off switch on the chassis as well as the room's emergency power-off switch, disconnection switch or electrical outlet. If an electrical accident occurs, you can then quickly remove power from the system.

- Do not work alone when working with high voltage components.

- Power should always be disconnected from the system when removing or installing main system components, such as the serverboard, memory modules and the DVD-ROM and floppy drives. When disconnecting power, you should first power down the system with the operating system and then unplug the power cords of all the power supply units in the system.

- When working around exposed electrical circuits, another person who is familiar with the power-off controls should be nearby to switch off the power if necessary.

- Use only one hand when working with powered-on electrical equipment. This is to avoid making a complete circuit, which will cause electrical shock. Use extreme caution when using metal tools, which can easily damage any electrical components or circuit boards they come into contact with.

- Do not use mats designed to decrease electrostatic discharge as protection from electrical shock. Instead, use rubber mats that have been specifically designed as electrical insulators.

- The power supply power cord must include a grounding plug and must be plugged into grounded electrical outlets.

- Serverboard Battery: **CAUTION** - There is a danger of explosion if the onboard battery is installed upside down, which will reverse its polarities (see Figure 4-1). This battery must be replaced only with the same or an equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- DVD-ROM Laser: **CAUTION** - this server may have come equipped with a DVD-ROM drive. To prevent direct exposure to the laser beam and hazardous radiation exposure, do not open the enclosure or use the unit in any unconventional way.

- Mainboard replaceable soldered-in fuses: Self-resetting PTC (Positive Temperature Coefficient) fuses on the mainboard must be replaced by trained service technicians only. The new fuse must be the same or equivalent as the one replaced. Contact technical support for details and support.

4-2 General Safety Precautions

Follow these rules to ensure general safety:

- Keep the area around the SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T clean and free of clutter.

- The 7046A-3/7046A-T weighs approximately 64 lbs (29.1 kg.) when fully loaded. When lifting the system, two people at either end should lift slowly with their feet spread out to distribute the weight. Always keep your back straight and lift with your legs. Don't use the handles (if installed) to lift the chassis; the handles should only be used to pull the server out of the rack.

- Place the chassis top cover and any system components that have been removed away from the system or on a table so that they won't accidentally be stepped on.

- While working on the system, do not wear loose clothing such as neckties and unbuttoned shirt sleeves, which can come into contact with electrical circuits or be pulled into a cooling fan.

- Remove any jewelry or metal objects from your body, which are excellent metal conductors that can create short circuits and harm you if they come into contact with printed circuit boards or areas where power is present.

- After accessing the inside of the system, close the system back up and secure it to the rack unit with the retention screws after ensuring that all connections have been made.

4-3 ESD Precautions

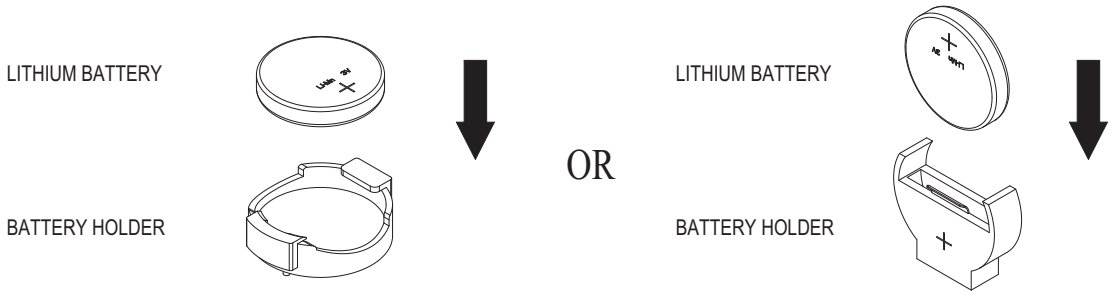
Electrostatic discharge (ESD) is generated by two objects with different electrical charges coming into contact with each other. An electrical discharge is created to neutralize this difference, which can damage electronic components and printed circuit boards. The following measures are generally sufficient to neutralize this difference before contact is made to protect your equipment from ESD:

- Use a grounded wrist strap designed to prevent static discharge.
- Keep all components and printed circuit boards (PCBs) in their antistatic bags until ready for use.
- Touch a grounded metal object before removing the board from the antistatic bag.
- Do not let components or PCBs come into contact with your clothing, which may retain a charge even if you are wearing a wrist strap.
- Handle a board by its edges only; do not touch its components, peripheral chips, memory modules or contacts.
- When handling chips or modules, avoid touching their pins.
- Put the serverboard and peripherals back into their antistatic bags when not in use.
- For grounding purposes, make sure your computer chassis provides excellent conductivity between the power supply, the case, the mounting fasteners and the serverboard.

4-4 Operating Precautions

Care must be taken to assure that the chassis cover is in place when the system is operating to assure proper cooling. Out of warranty damage to the system can occur if this practice is not strictly followed.

Figure 4-1. Installing the Onboard Battery



Chapter 5

Advanced Serverboard Setup

This chapter covers the steps required to install the X8DA3/X8DAi serverboard into the chassis, connect the data and power cables and install add-on cards. All serverboard jumpers and connections are also described. A layout and quick reference chart are included in this chapter for your reference. Remember to completely close the chassis when you have finished working with the serverboard to better cool and protect the system.

5-1 Handling the Serverboard

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage electronic components. To prevent damage to any printed circuit boards (PCBs), it is important to handle them very carefully (see previous chapter). To prevent the serverboard from bending, keep one hand under the center of the board to support it when handling. The following measures are generally sufficient to protect your equipment from electric static discharge.

Precautions

- Use a grounded wrist strap designed to prevent Electrostatic Discharge.
- Touch a grounded metal object before removing any board from its antistatic bag.
- Handle a board by its edges only; do not touch its components, peripheral chips, memory modules or gold contacts.
- When handling chips or modules, avoid touching their pins.
- Put the serverboard, add-on cards and peripherals back into their antistatic bags when not in use.
- For grounding purposes, make sure your computer chassis provides excellent conductivity between the power supply, the case, the mounting fasteners and the serverboard.

Unpacking

The serverboard is shipped in antistatic packaging to avoid electrical static discharge. When unpacking the board, make sure the person handling it is static protected.

5-2 Serverboard Installation

This section explains the first step of physically mounting the X8DA3/X8DAi into the SC743TQ-865B-SQ chassis. Following the steps in the order given will eliminate the most common problems encountered in such an installation. To remove the serverboard, follow the procedure in reverse order.

Installing to the Chassis

1. Access the inside of the system by removing the screws from the back lip of the top cover of the chassis, then pull the cover off.

2. The X8DA3/X8DAi requires a chassis big enough to support a 12" x 13" serverboard, such as Supermicro's SC743TQ-865B-SQ.

3. Make sure that the I/O ports on the serverboard align properly with their respective holes in the I/O shield at the back of the chassis.

4. Carefully mount the serverboard to the serverboard tray by aligning the board holes with the raised metal standoffs that are visible in the chassis.

5. Insert screws into all the mounting holes on your serverboard that line up with the standoffs and tighten until snug (if you screw them in too tight, you might strip the threads). Metal screws provide an electrical contact to the serverboard ground to provide a continuous ground for the system.

6. Finish by replacing the top cover of the chassis.

Warning: To avoid damaging the serverboard and its components, do not apply any force greater than 8 lbs. per square inch when installing a screw into a mounting hole.

5-3 Connecting Cables

Now that the serverboard is installed, the next step is to connect the cables to the board. These include the data (ribbon) cables for the peripherals and control panel and the power cables.

Connecting Data Cables

The cables used to transfer data from the peripheral devices have been carefully routed to prevent them from blocking the flow of cooling air that moves through the system from front to back. If you need to disconnect any of these cables, you should take care to keep them routed as they were originally after reconnecting them (make sure the red wires connect to the pin 1 locations). The following data cables (with their locations noted) should be connected. (See the layout on page 5-9 for connector locations.)

- SAS drive data cables (SAS0 ~ SAS7, 7046A-3 only)
- SATA drive data cables (T-SATA0 ~ T-SATA5; 7046A-T only)
- Control Panel cable (JF1)
- SGPIO cable (T-SGPIO1, T-SGPIO2; 7046A-T only)

Important! Make sure the the cables do not come into contact with the fans.

Connecting Power Cables

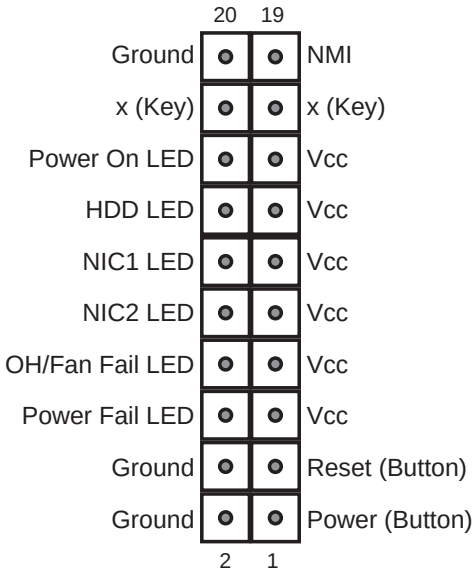
The X8DA3/X8DAi has a 24-pin primary power supply connector (JPW3) for connection to the ATX power supply. In addition, two 8-pin secondary power connectors (JPW1 and JPW2) must also be connected to your power supply. See Section 5-9 for power connector pin definitions.

Connecting the Control Panel

JF1 contains header pins for various front control panel connectors. See Figure 5-1 for the pin locations of the various front control panel buttons and LED indicators.

All JF1 wires have been bundled into a single ribbon cable to simplify this connection. Make sure the red wire plugs into pin 1 as marked on the board. The other end connects to the Control Panel PCB board, located just behind the system status LEDs on the chassis. See Chapter 5 for details and pin descriptions.

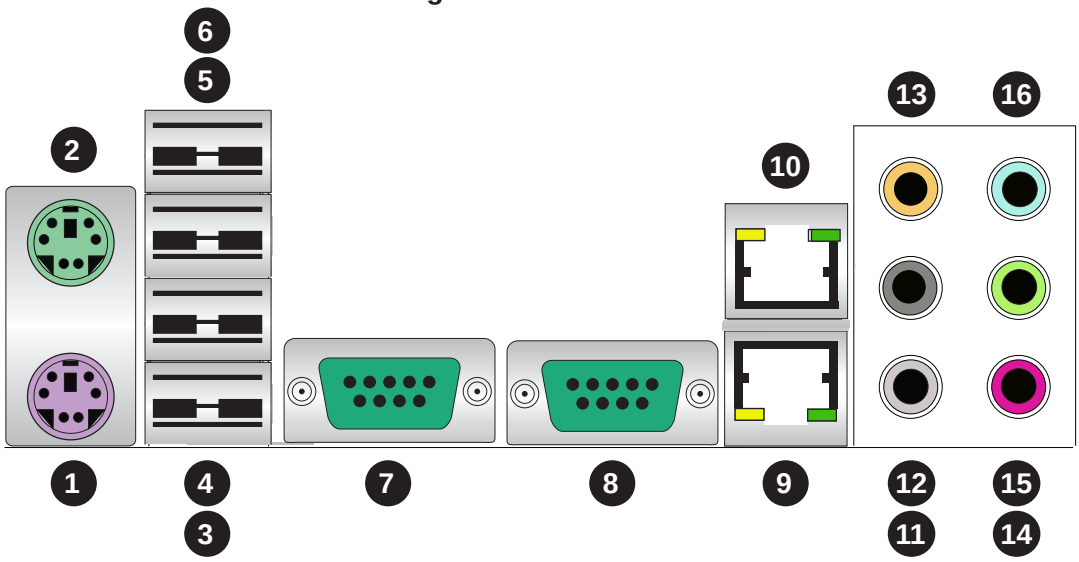
Figure 5-1. Control Panel Header Pins



5-4 I/O Ports

The I/O ports are color coded in conformance with the PC 99 specification. See Figure 5-2 below for the colors and locations of the various I/O ports.

Figure 5-2. I/O Ports



1. Keyboard (Purple)	9. LAN1 Port
2. PS/2 Mouse (Green)	10. LAN2 Port
3. USB Port 0	11. Side_Surround (Grey)
4. USB Port 1	12. Back_Surround (Black)
5. USB Port 2	13. CEN/LFE (Orange)
6. USB Port 3	14. Microphone-In (Pink)
7. COM1 Port (Turquoise)	15. Front (Green)
8. COM2 Port (Turquoise)	16. Line-In (Blue)

5-5 Processor and Heatsink Installation

When handling the processor package, avoid placing direct pressure on the label area of the fan.

Notes:

1. Always connect the power cord last and always remove it before adding, removing or changing any hardware components. Make sure that you install the processor into the CPU socket before you install the CPU heatsink.

2. Intel's boxed processor package contains the CPU fan and heatsink assembly. If you buy a CPU separately, make sure that you use only Intel-certified multi-directional heatsink and fan.

3. Make sure to install the serverboard into the chassis before you install the CPU heatsink and heatsink fans.

4. When purchasing an LGA 1366 processor or when receiving a serverboard with an LGA 1366 processor pre-installed, make sure that the CPU plastic cap is in place, and none of the CPU pins are bent; otherwise, contact the retailer immediately.

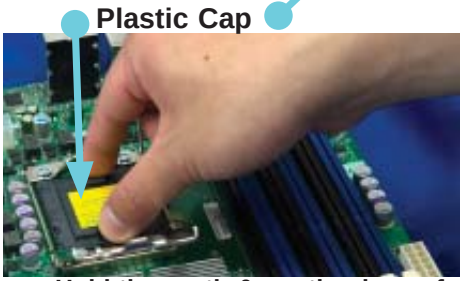
5. Refer to the Supermicro web site for more details on CPU support.

Installing an LGA 1366 Processor

1. Press the socket clip to release the load plate, which covers the CPU socket, from its locking position.

2. Gently lift the socket clip to open the load plate.

3. Hold the plastic cap at its north and south center edges to remove it from the CPU socket.



Hold the north & south edges of the plastic cap to remove it

1. After removing the plastic cap, using your thumb and the index finger, hold the CPU at the north and south center edges.

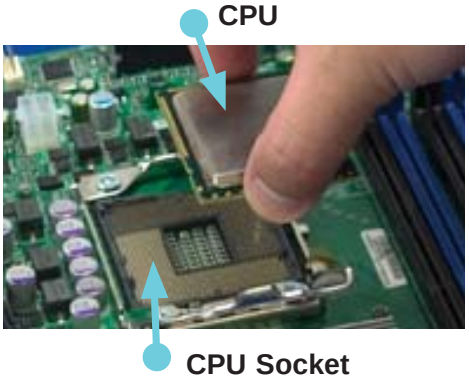
2. Align the CPU key (the semi-circle cutout) against the socket key (the notch below the gold color dot on the side of the socket).

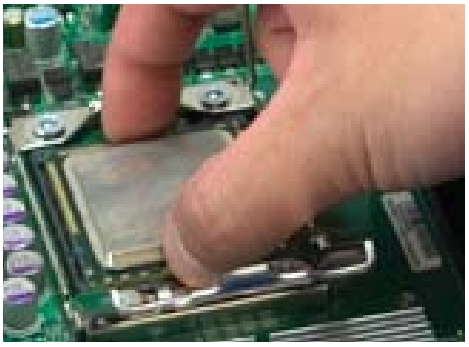
3. Once both the CPU and the socket are aligned, carefully lower the CPU straight down into the socket. (Do not rub the CPU against the surface of the socket or its pins to avoid damaging the CPU or the socket.)

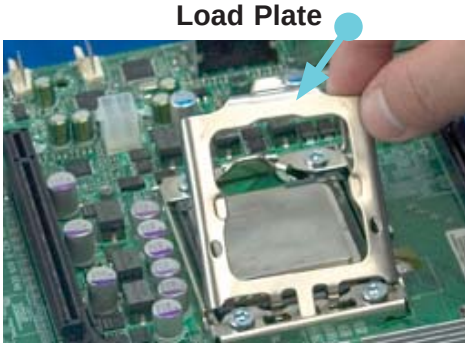
4. With the CPU inside the socket, inspect the four corners of the CPU to make sure that it is properly installed.

5. Once the CPU is securely seated in the socket, lower the CPU load plate to the socket.

6. Use your thumb to gently push the socket clip down to the clip lock.







Warning: Please save the plastic cap. The serverboard must be shipped with the plastic cap properly installed to protect the CPU socket pins. Shipment without the plastic cap properly installed will cause damage to the socket pins.

Installation and Removal of the Heatsink

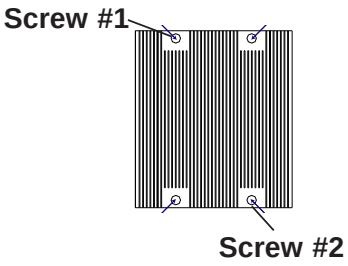
Installing the Heatsink Installation

1. Do not apply any thermal grease to the heatsink or the CPU die; the required amount has already been applied.

2. Place the heatsink on top of the CPU so that the four mounting holes are aligned with those on the retention mechanism.

3. Screw in two diagonal screws (i.e. the #1 and the #2 screws) until just snug (do not over-tighten the screws, which may damage the CPU.)

4. Finish the installation by fully tightening all four screws.



Uninstalling the Heatsink

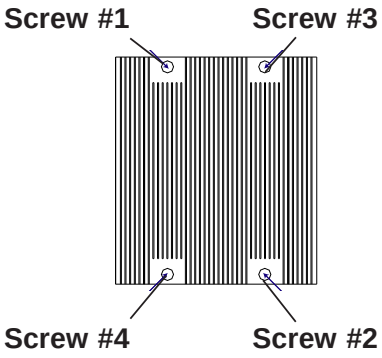
Warning: We do not recommend removing the CPU or the heatsink. However, if you do need to uninstall the heatsink, please follow these instructions to avoid damaging the CPU or the CPU socket.

1. Unscrew and remove the heatsink screws in the sequence shown in the picture on the right.

2. Hold the heatsink as shown in the picture on the right and gently wriggle to loosen it from the CPU. (Do not use excessive force when doing this!)

3. Once the heatsink is loosened, remove it from the CPU socket.

4. Clean the surface of the CPU and the heatsink to get rid of the old thermal grease. Reapply the proper amount of thermal grease before you re-install the heatsink.



5-6 Installing Memory Modules

Note: Check the Supermicro web site for recommended memory modules.

CAUTION

Exercise extreme care when installing or removing DIMM modules to prevent any possible damage.

Installing & Removing DIMMs

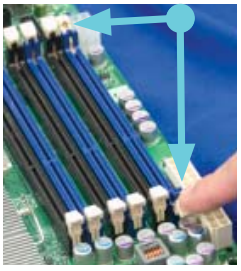
1. Insert the desired number of DIMMs into the memory slots, starting with P1 DIMM1A. For best performance, please use the memory modules of the same type and speed in the same bank.See the DIMM Installation Chart on the following page.

2. Press down the release tabs on the ends of a memory slot. Insert each DIMM module vertically into its slot. Pay attention to the notch along the bottom of the module to prevent inserting the DIMM module incorrectly.

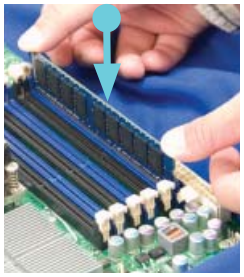
3. Gently press down on the DIMM module until it snaps into place in the slot. Repeat for all modules.

4. Reverse the steps above to remove the DIMM modules from the serverboard.

Press down the release tabs



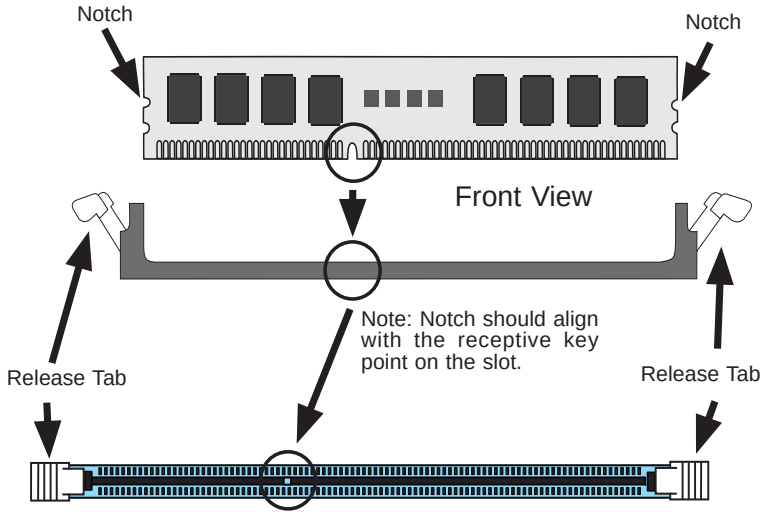
Insert & press a DIMM into the slot



To Install: Insert module vertically and press down until it snaps into place. Pay attention to the alignment notch at the bottom.

To Remove:
Use your thumbs to gently push the release tabs near both ends of the module. This should release it from the slot.

Figure 5-3. DIMM Installation



Top View of DDR3 Slot

Memory Support

The X8DA3/X8DAi supports up to 96 GB Registered ECC DDR3-1333/1066/800 MHz SDRAM.

Notes:

- Due to the OS limitations, some operating systems may not show more than 4 GB of memory.

- Due to allocating memory to system devices, memory remaining available for operational use will be reduced when 4 GB of SDRAM is used. The reduction in memory availability is disproportional. (Refer to the Memory Availability Table on the following page for details.)

Order of Populating DIMM Slots

For memory to work properly, follow the table below for the correct order of populating the DIMM slots. See the motherboad layout page for slot numbering.

Populating Memory for Optimal Performance (Single CPU Configuration)						
O	**Branch 0**		**Branch 1**		**Branch 2**	
3 DIMMs	P1 DIMM1A		P1 DIMM2A		P1 DIMM3A	
6 DIMMs	P1 DIMM1A	P1 DIMM1B	P1 DIMM2A	P1 DIMM2B	P1 DIMM3A	P1 DIMM3B

Populating Memory for Optimal Performance (Dual CPU Configuration)												
	CPU1						**CPU2**					
	Branch 0		**Branch 1**		**Branch 3**		**Branch 0**		**Branch 1**		**Branch 3**	
6 DIMMs	1A		2A		3A		1A		2A		3A	
12 DIMMs	1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B	1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B

Notes: an "X" indicates a slot populated with a memory module.

Populate DIMMs using the "A" DIMM slots first. Any of the slots may be used. Populate the "B" slots only after all "A" slots have been filled.

DIMM Population Table				
DIMM Slots per Channel	**DIMMs Populated per Channel**	**DIMM Type (Reg.= Registered)**	**Speeds (in MHz)**	**Ranks per DIMM (any combination; SR=Single Rank, DR=Dual Rank, QR=Quad Rank)**
2	1	Reg. DDR3 ECC	800,1066,1333	SR, DR
2	1	Reg. DDR3 ECC	800,1066,	QR
2	2	Reg. DDR3 ECC	800,1066,1333	SR, DR
2	2	Reg. DDR3 ECC	800,1066	SR, DR, QR

Note 1: Due to OS limitations, some operating systems may not show more than 4 GB of memory.

Note 2: Due to memory allocation to system devices, the amount of memory that remains available for operational use will be reduced when 4 GB of RAM is used. The reduction in memory availability is disproportional. (See the following Memory Availability Table.)

Possible System Memory Allocation & Availability		
System Device	Size	Physical Memory Remaining (with 4 GB of system memory installed)
Firmware Hub flash memory (System BIOS)	1 MB	3.99 GB
Local APIC	4 KB	3.99 GB
Area Reserved for the chipset	2 MB	3.99 GB
I/O APIC (4 Kbytes)	4 KB	3.99 GB
PCI Enumeration Area 1	256 MB	3.76 GB
PCI Express (256 MB)	256 MB	3.51 GB
PCI Enumeration Area 2 (if needed) -Aligned on 256-MB boundary-	512 MB	3.01 GB
VGA Memory	16 MB	2.85 GB
TSEG	1 MB	2.84 GB
Memory available for the OS & other applications		2.84 GB

5-7 Adding PCI Add-On Cards

The 7046A-3/7046A-T can accommodate standard size add-on cards populated in all slots on the X8DA3/X8DAi serverboard.

Installing an Add-on Card

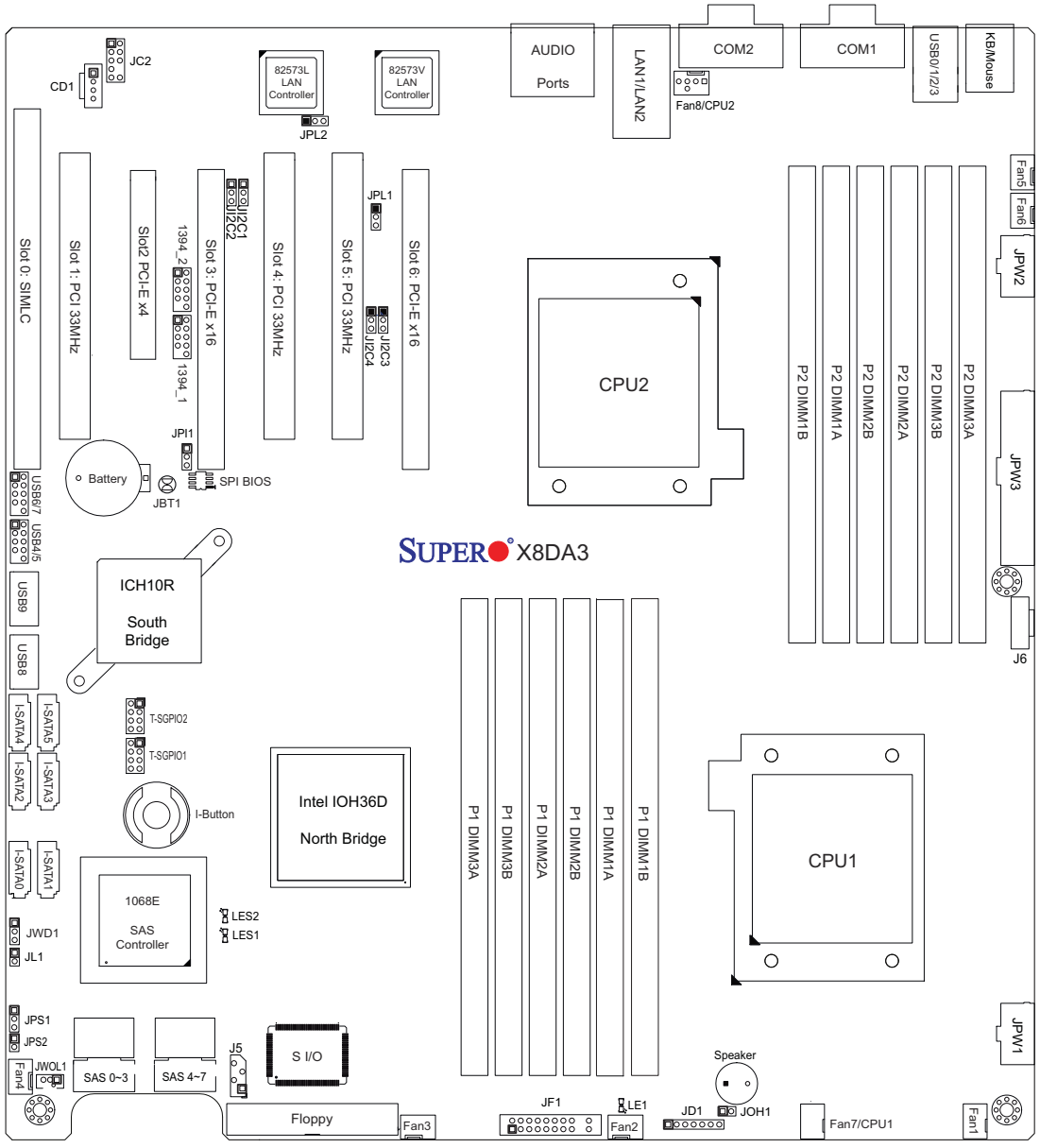
1. Begin by removing the PCI slot shield for the slot you wish to populate.

2. Fully seat the card into the card slot, pushing down with your thumbs evenly on both sides of the card.

3. Finish by using a screw to secure the top of the card shield to the chassis. The PCI slot shields protect the serverboard and its components from EMI and aid in proper ventilation, so make sure there is always a shield covering each unused slot.

5-8 Serverboard Details

Figure 5-4. X8DA3/X8DAi Layout*



***Note:** the X8DA3 is pictured. The X8DAi shares the same layout but does not include SAS ports, connections or jumpers.

X8DA3/X8DAi Quick Reference

Jumper	Description	Default Setting
JBT1	CMOS Clear	(See Section 5-10)
JI²C1/JI²C2	SMB to PCI-Exp. Slots En/Dis	Pins 2-3 (Disabled)
JI²C3/JI²C4	SMB to PCI-X Slots En/Dis	Pins 2-3 (Disabled)
JPI1	1394_1/1394_2 Enable/Disable	Pins 1-2 (Enabled)
JPL1/JPL2	LAN1/2 Enable/Disable	Pins 1-2 (Enabled)
JPS1	SAS Enable (X8DA3 only)	Pins 1-2 (Enabled)
JPS2	SAS RAID Mode Select (X8DA3 only)	Closed (SR RAID)
JWD1	Watch Dog	Pins 1-2 (Reset)

Connector	Description
1394_1/1394_2	IEEE 1394a (Firewire) Headers
Audio/CD1/JC2	Audio Input_Output_Mic/CD-ROM/HD Audio Headers
COM1/COM2	COM1/COM2 Serial Port/Header
Fan 1-8	System/CPU Fan Headers (Fans 7~8: CPU Fans)
Floppy	Floppy Disk Drive Connector (JFDD1)
I-SATA0 ~ I-SATA5	SATA Ports
J5	IPMB I²C Header (for IPMI Card)
J6	Power Supply SMBbus I²C Header
JD1	Speaker/Power LED Header
JF1	Front Panel Connector
JL1	Chassis Intrusion Header
JOH1	Overheat LED Header
JPW1/JPW2	+12V 8-pin Secondary Power Connector
JPW3	24-pin ATX Main Power Connector
JWOL1	Wake-On-LAN Header
LAN1/2	Gigabit Ethernet (RJ45) Ports
SAS 0~3, 4~7	SAS Connectors (X8DA3 only)
SIMLC	(Low Profile) SIMLC IPMI 2.0 Socket
T-SGPIO-1/T-SGPIO-2	Serial General Purpose Input/Output Headers
USB0/1/2/3	Universal Serial Bus (USB) Ports
USB 4/5, 6/7, 8, 9	Front Panel Accessible USB Headers

LED	Description
LE1	Onboard Standby PWR warning LED Indicator
LES1	SAS Activity LED (Green: Activitive) (X8DA3 only)
LES2	SAS Link LED (X8DA3 only)

5-9 Connector Definitions

Main ATX Power Supply Connector

The primary power supply connector (JPW3) meets the SSI EPS 24-pin specification. Refer to the table on the right for the pin definitions of the ATX 24-pin power connector. You must also connect the 8-pin power connectors to your power supply (see below).

Main ATX Power Connector Pin Definitions (JPW3)

Pin#	Definition	Pin #	Definition
13	+3.3V	1	+3.3V
14	-12V	2	+3.3V
15	COM	3	COM
16	PS_ON	4	+5V
17	COM	5	COM
18	COM	6	+5V
19	COM	7	COM
20	Res (NC)	8	PWR_OK
21	+5V	9	5VSB
22	+5V	10	+12V
23	+5V	11	+12V
24	COM	12	+3.3V

Warning: To prevent damage to the power supply or serverboard, please use a power supply that contains a 24-pin and two 8-pin power connectors. Be sure to connect these to the 24-pin and the two 8-pin power connectors on your serverboard to supply adequate power to your system. Failure to do so will void the manufacturer warranty on the power supply and serverboard.

Processor Power Connectors

JPW1 and JPW2 must also be connected to the power supply to provide power for the processors. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Processor Power Connectors Pin Definitions (JPW1/JPW2)

Pins	Definition
1 - 4	Ground
5 - 8	+12V

Required Connection

Power Button

The connection for the power button is on pins 1 and 2 of JF1. The chassis power button should be connected here. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Power Button Pin Definitions (JF1)

Pin#	Definition
1	PW_ON
2	Ground

Reset Connector

The reset header is located on pins 3 and 4 of JF1. Attach the reset switch on the computer chassis to these pins. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Reset Button Pin Definitions (JF1)

Pin#	Definition
3	Reset
4	Ground

Overheat/Fan Fail LED (OH)

Connect an LED to pins 7 and 8 of JF1 to provide advanced warning of chassis overheating or fan failure. Refer to the table on the right for pin definitions.

OH/Fan Fail LED Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
7	Vcc
8	Ground

OH/Fan Fail Indicator Status	
State	Definition
Off	Normal
On	Overheat
Flash-ing	Fan Fail

NIC1 (GLAN) LED

The LED connections for the GB LAN port are on pins 11 and 12 of JF1. Attach an LED cable to display network activity. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

NIC1 LED Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
11	Vcc
12	Ground

HDD LED

The HDD LED connection is located on pins 13 and 14 of JF1. This LED is used to display all IDE and SATA activity. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

HDD LED Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
13	Vcc
14	HD Active

Power On LED

The Power On LED connector is located on pins 15 and 16 of JF1 (use JLED for a 3-pin connector). This connection is used to provide LED indication of power being supplied to the system. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Power LED Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
15	5V Stby
16	Control

Chassis Intrusion

The Chassis Intrusion header is designated JL1. Attach an appropriate cable from the chassis to inform you of a chassis intrusion when the chassis is opened

Chassis Intrusion Pin Definitions (JL1)	
Pin#	Definition
1	Intrusion Input
2	Ground

ATX PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse Ports

The ATX PS/2 keyboard and the PS/2 mouse are located on the I/O back-panel. The mouse port is above the keyboard port. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

PS/2 Keyboard and Mouse Port Pin Definitions

Pin#	Definition
1	Data
2	NC
3	Ground
4	VCC
5	Clock
6	NC

Fan Headers

The X8DA3/X8DAi has eight fan headers, all of which are 4-pin fans. However, pins 1-3 of the fan headers are backward compatible with the traditional 3-pin fans. See the table on the right for pin definitions. The onboard fan speeds are controlled by Thermal Management (via Hardware Monitoring) under the Advanced Section in the BIOS. The default is disabled. When using Thermal Management setting, please use all 3-pin fans or all 4-pin fans.

Fan Header Pin Definitions (FAN1-8)

Pin#	Definition
1	Ground (Black)
2	+12V (Red)
3	Tachometer
4	PWM Control

Wake-On-LAN

The Wake-On-LAN header is designated JWOL1 on the serverboard. See the table on the right for pin definitions. You must also have a LAN card with a Wake-On-LAN connector and cable to use this feature.

Wake-On-LAN Pin Definitions (JWOL1)

Pin#	Definition
1	+5V Standby
2	Ground
3	Wake-up

LAN1/LAN2 (Ethernet Ports)

Two Ethernet ports are located on the I/O backplane. These ports accept RJ45 type cables.

Speaker

On the JD1 header, pins 1-3 are used for power LED indication, and pins 4-7 are for the speaker. See the table on the right for speaker pin definitions. Please note that the speaker connector pins (4-7) are for use with an external speaker. If you wish to use the onboard speaker, you should close pins 6-7 with a jumper.

Speaker Connector Pin Definitions (JD1)

Pin Setting	Definition
Pins 6-7	Internal Speaker
Pins 4-7	External Speaker

Serial Ports

Two serial ports are included on the X8DA3/X8DAi. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Serial Port Pin Definitions (COM1/COM2)

Pin #	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	DCD	6	DSR
2	RXD	7	RTS
3	TXD	8	CTS
4	DTR	9	RI
5	Ground	10	NC

SGPIO Header

Two SGPIO (Serial General Purpose Input/Output) headers are designated T-SGPIO1 and SGPIO2. These headers are used to communicate with the system's enclosure management chip. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

SGPIO Header Pin Definitions (T-SGPIO1/T-SGPIO2)

Pin#	Definition	Pin	Definition
1	NC	2	NC
3	Ground	4	DATA Out
5	Load	6	Ground
7	Clock	8	NC

NC = No Connection

Power SMB (I^2C) Connector

The Power System Management Bus (I^2C) connector at J6 is used to monitor the power supply, fan and system temperatures. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

PWR SMB Pin Definitions (J6)

Pin#	Definition
1	Clock
2	Data
3	PWR Fail
4	Ground
5	+3.3V

IPMB I²C SMB

A System Management Bus header for the IPMI slot is located at J5. Connect the appropriate cable here to use the IPMB I²C connection on your system.

IPMB I2C Header Pin Definitions (J5)

Pin#	Definition
1	Data
2	Ground
3	Clock
4	No Connection

Front Panel Audio Control

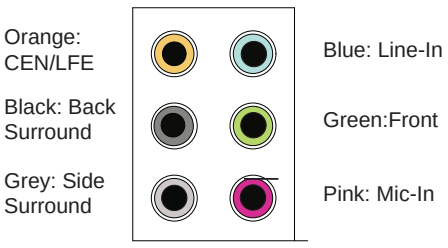
When front panel headphones are plugged in, the back panel audio output is disabled. This is done through the FP Audio header (JC2). If the front panel interface card is not connected to the front panel audio header, jumpers should be installed on pin pairs 1-2, 5-6, and 9-10 of the Audio FP header. If these jumpers are not installed, the back panel line out connector will be disabled, and pin 1 of the microphone in will be left floating, which can lead to excessive back panel microphone noise and crosstalk. See the table at right for pin definitions.

Front Panel Audio Pin Definitions (JC2)

Pin#	Definition
1	MIC_Left Channel
2	Audio Ground
3	MIC_Right Channel
4	FP Audio Detect
5	Line Out_Right Channel
6	MIC Jack Detectt
7	FP_Jack Detect
8	Key
9	Line Out_Left Channel
10	Line Out_Jack Detect

High Definition Audio (HDA)

The X8DA3/X8DAi features a 7.1+2 Channel High Definition Audio (HDA) codec that provides 10 DAC channels, simultaneously supporting 7.1 sound playback and two channels of independent stereo sound output (multiple streaming) through the front panel stereo out via the front L&R, rear L&R, center and subwoofer speakers. This feature is activated with the software included in the CD-ROM that came with your serverboard. Sound is output through the Line In, Line Out and MIC jacks.



CD and Audio FP

A 4-pin CD header (CD-IN) and an auxiliary header (JC2) allow you to use the onboard sound for audio CD playback. Connect an audio cable from your CD drive to the header that fits your cable's connector. Only one header can be used at any one time. See the table at right for pin definitions.

Audio Input CD Header Pin Definitions (CD-IN)

Pin#	Definition
1	Left Stereo Signal
2	Ground
3	Ground
4	Right Stereo Signal

IEEE 1394 Connection

Connectors 1394_1 and 1394_2 provide connectivity for IEEE 1394 (Firewire) devices. See the tables on the right for pin definitions.

1394_1 Pin Definitions

Pin#	Defin.	Pin#	Defin
1	PTPA0+	2	PTPA0-
3	GND	4	GND
5	PTPB0+	6	PTPB0-
7	PWR 1394	8	PWR 1394
		10	ZX

1394_2 Pin Definitions

Pin#	Defin.	Pin#	Defin
1	PTPA1+	2	PTPA1-
3	GND	4	GND
5	PTPB1+	6	PTPB1-
7	PWR 1394	8	PWR 1394
		10	ZY

Universal Serial Bus (USB)

The X8DA3/X8DAi features ten Universal Serial Bus ports (USB 0~3, USB 4/5, USB 6/7, USB8 and USB9), USB0-3 are located on the I/O back panel. USB Ports 4/5 and USB 6/7 are headers that may be used to provide front chassis USB access. USB 8 and USB 9 are Type A connectors. (USB cables are not included). See the tables on the right for pin definitions.

Back Panel USB 0~3, 4/5, 6/7 Pin Definitions

Pin#	Definition	Pin#	Definition
1	+5V	5	+5V
2	USB_PN1	6	USB_PN0
3	USB_PP1	7	USB_PP0
4	Ground	8	Ground

Front Panel USB 8, 9 Pin Definitions

USB 8, 9, 10		USB 11	
Pin #	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	+5V	6	+5V
2	USB_PN2	7	USB_PN3
3	USB_PP2	8	USB_PP3
4	Ground	9	Ground
5	No Connection	10	Key

Overheat/Fan Fail LED (JOH1)

The JOH1 header is used to connect an LED to provide warnings of chassis overheat. This LED will also blink to indicate a fan failure. Refer to the table on right for pin definitions.

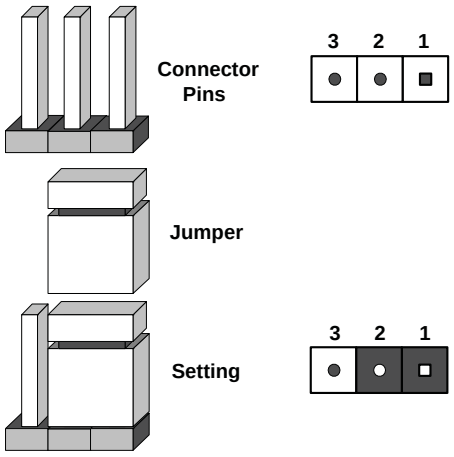
Overheat LED Pin Definitions	
Pin#	Definition
1	5vDC
2	OH Active

5-10 Jumper Settings

Explanation of Jumpers

To modify the operation of the serverboard, jumpers can be used to choose between optional settings. Jumpers create shorts between two pins to change the function of the connector. Pin 1 is identified with a square solder pad on the printed circuit board. See the serverboard layout pages for jumper locations.

Note: On a two-pin jumper, "Closed" means the jumper is on both pins and "Open" means the jumper is either on only one pin or completely removed.



CMOS Clear

JBT1 is used to clear CMOS (which will also clear any passwords). Instead of pins, this jumper consists of contact pads to prevent accidentally clearing the contents of CMOS.

To clear CMOS,

1. First power down the system and unplug the power cord(s).
2. With the power disconnected, short the CMOS pads with a metal object such as a small screwdriver.
3. Remove the screwdriver (or shorting device).
4. Reconnect the power cord(s) and power on the system.

Note: *Do not use the PW_ON connector to clear CMOS.*

LAN1/LAN2 Enable/Disable

Change the setting of jumper JPL1 or JPL2 to enable or disable the LAN1 and LAN2 Ethernet ports, respectively. See the table on the right for jumper settings. The default setting is enabled.

LAN1/LAN2 Enable/Disable Jumper Settings (JPL1/JPL2)

Jumper Setting	Definition
Pins 1-2	Enabled
Pins 2-3	Disabled

SMBus to PC-E Slots

Jumpers JI²C1 and JI²C2 allow you to connect the PCI-Express slots to the System Management Bus (I²C). The default setting is disabled. See the table on the right for jumper settings.

SMBus to PCI-E Slots Jumper Settings (JI²C1/JI²C2)

Jumper Setting	Definition
Pins 1-2	Enabled
Pins 2-3	Disabled

SMBus to PCI-X Slots

Jumpers JI²C3 and JI²C4 allow you to connect the PCI-X slots to the System Management Bus (I²C). The default setting is disabled. See the table on the right for jumper settings.

SMBus to PCI-X Slots Jumper Settings (JI²C3/JI²C4)

Jumper Setting	Definition
Pins 1-2	Enabled
Pins 2-3	Disabled

Watch Dog Enable/Disable

JWD controls the Watch Dog function. Watch Dog is a system monitor that can reboot the system when a software application hangs. Jumping pins 1-2 will cause WD to reset the system if an application hangs. Jumping pins 2-3 will generate a non-maskable interrupt signal for the application that hangs. See the table on the right for jumper settings. Watch Dog must also be enabled in BIOS.

Note: When enabled, the user needs to write their own application software in order to disable the Watch Dog Timer.

Watch Dog Jumper Settings (JWD)

Jumper Setting	Definition
Pins 1-2	Reset
Pins 2-3	NMI
Open	Disabled

IEEE 1394a Enable/Disable

JPI1 allows the user to use the onboard IEEE 1394_1 and 1394_2 connections. Close pins 1-2 to use this function. The default setting is Enabled.

1394_1/1394_2 Jumper Settings (JPI1)

Jumper Setting	Definition
Pins 1-2	Enabled
Pins 2-3	Disabled

SAS Enable/Disable (X8DA3 only)

Jumper JPS1 allows you to enable or disable the onboard SAS connections. The default setting is enabled. See the table on the right for jumper settings.

SAS Enable/Disable Jumper Settings (JPS1)

Jumper Setting	Definition
Pins 1-2	SAS Enabled
Pins 2-3	SAS Disabled

SAS RAID Mode Select (X8DA3 only)

JPS2 allows you to select the SAS RAID mode: either Software RAID or IT RAID. Close this jumper to use Software RAID (default). Set this jumper to open to use the IT RAID mode. Contact Tech. Support at Supermicro for more information. See the table on the right for jumper settings.

SAS RAID Mode Select Jumper Settings (JPS2)

Jumper Settings	Definition
Closed	Software RAID (SR)
Open	Integrated Target Mode (IT)

Note: Contact Supermicro tech support for further instructions.

5-11 Onboard Indicators

LAN1/2 LEDs

The Ethernet ports (located beside the VGA port) have two LEDs. On each port, one LED indicates activity while the other LED may be green, amber or off to indicate the speed of the connection. See the table on the right for the functions associated with the connection speed LED.

LAN1/2 LED (Connection Speed Indicator)	
LED Color	Definition
Off	No Connection or 10 Mb/s
Green	100 Mb/s
Amber	1 Gb/s

Onboard Power LED

An Onboard Power LED is located at LE1 on the serverboard. When this LED is on, the system is on. Be sure to turn off the system and unplug the power cord before removing or installing components. See the tables at right for more information.

Onboard PWR LED Indicator (LE1) LED Settings	
LED Color	Definition
Off	System Off (PWR cable not connected)
Green	System On
Green: Flashing Quickly	ACPI S1 State
Green: Flashing Slowly	ACPI S3 (STR) State

SAS LED Indicators (X8DA3 only)

Two Onboard SAS LED are located at LES1/LES2 on the serverboard. When this LES1 is on, SAS Connections are active. When this LES2 is on, SAS connections work properly. See the tables at right for more information.

Onboard SAS LED Indicators (LES1/LES2) Settings			
LED#	Color	Definition	
LES1	Activity LED	Green	SAS: Active
LES2	Heartbeat LED	Yellow	SAS: Normal

5-12 Floppy, SAS and SATA Ports

Floppy Connector

The floppy connector is located between the COM port and FireWire headers on the serverboard. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Note the following when connecting the floppy cable:

- The floppy disk drive cable has seven twisted wires.
- A red mark on a wire typically designates the location of pin 1.
- A single floppy disk drive ribbon cable has 34 wires and two connectors to provide for two floppy disk drives. The connector with twisted wires always connects to drive A, and the connector that does not have twisted wires always connects to drive B.

Floppy Drive Connector Pin Definitions (Floppy)

Pin#	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	Ground	2	FDHDIN
3	Ground	4	Reserved
5	Key	6	FDEDIN
7	Ground	8	Index
9	Ground	10	Motor Enable
11	Ground	12	Drive Select B
13	Ground	14	Drive Select B
15	Ground	16	Motor Enable
17	Ground	18	DIR
19	Ground	20	STEP
21	Ground	22	Write Data
23	Ground	24	Write Gate
25	Ground	26	Track 00
27	Ground	28	Write Protect
29	Ground	30	Read Data
31	Ground	32	Side 1 Select
33	Ground	34	Diskette

SAS Ports (X8DA3 only)

There are eight SAS ports included on the X8DA3. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Note: JPS1 must be set correctly to enable the SAS controller.

SAS Port Pin Definitions (SAS0 ~ SAS7)

Pin#	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	Ground	2	TXP
3	TXN	4	Ground
5	RXN	6	RXP
7	Ground		

SATA Ports

Six Serial ATA (SATA) ports (I-SATA 0~5) are included on the serverboard to provide serial link connections. Serial Link connections provide faster data transmission than those of the traditional Parallel ATA. These SATA ports are supported by the Intel ICH10R Chip (South Bridge). See the table on the right for pin definitions.

SATA Port Pin Definitions (I-SATA0 ~ I-SATA5)

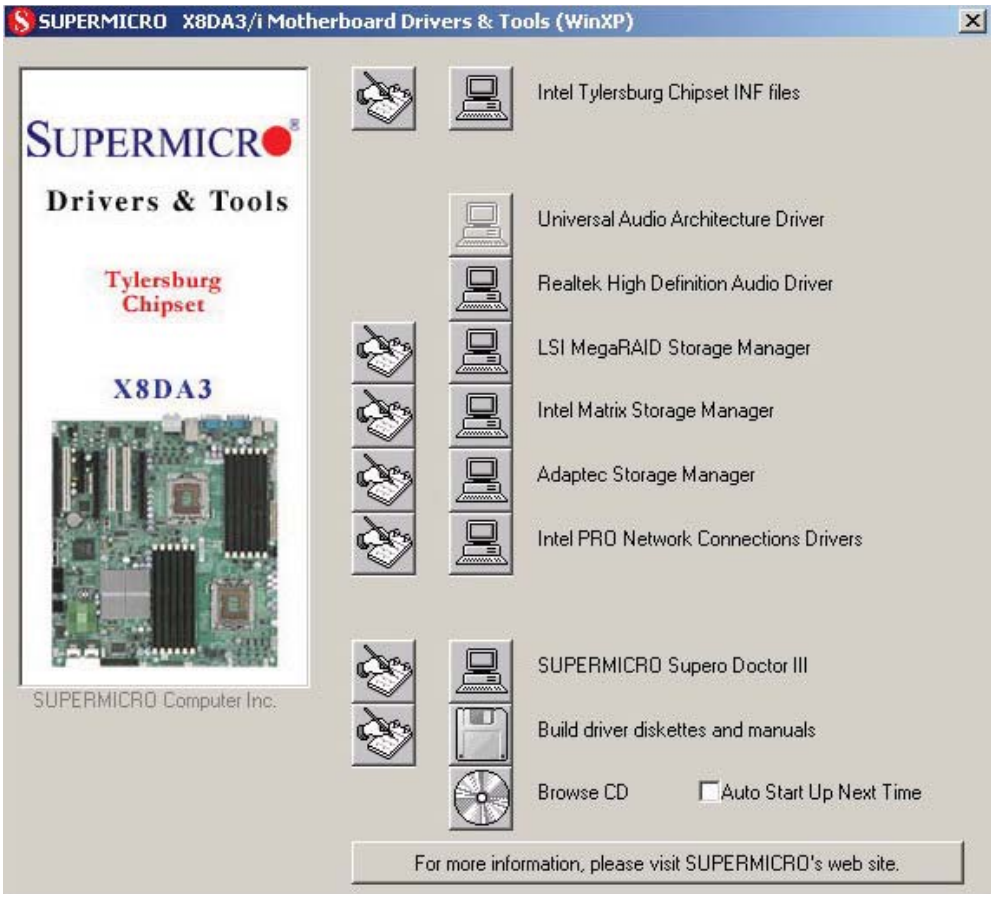
Pin#	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	Ground	2	TXP
3	TXN	4	Ground
5	RXN	6	RXP
7	Ground		

SIMLC IPMI Slot

The SIMLC IPMI (Supermicro Intelligent Management) slot is located at Slot 0 on the serverboard. This slot supports the SMC SIMCL (IPMI) Add-On card. To use IPMI 2.0, install Supermicro's SIMLC Add-On card on this slot and download the IPMIView Utility to your system. For IPMI configuration instructions and SIMLC Add-On Card information, please refer to the SIMLC User Guide posted on our Web site @http://www.supermicro.com/products/accessories/addon/SIM.cfm.

5-13 Installing Software

After the hardware has been installed, you should first install the operating system and then the drivers. The necessary drivers are all included on the Supermicro CDs that came packaged with your serverboard.



Driver/Tool Installation Display Screen

Note: Click the icons showing a hand writing on paper to view the readme files for each item. Click the computer icons to the right of these items to install each item (from top to the bottom) one at a time. **After installing each item, you must re-boot the system before moving on to the next item on the list.** The bottom icon with a CD on it allows you to view the entire contents of the CD.

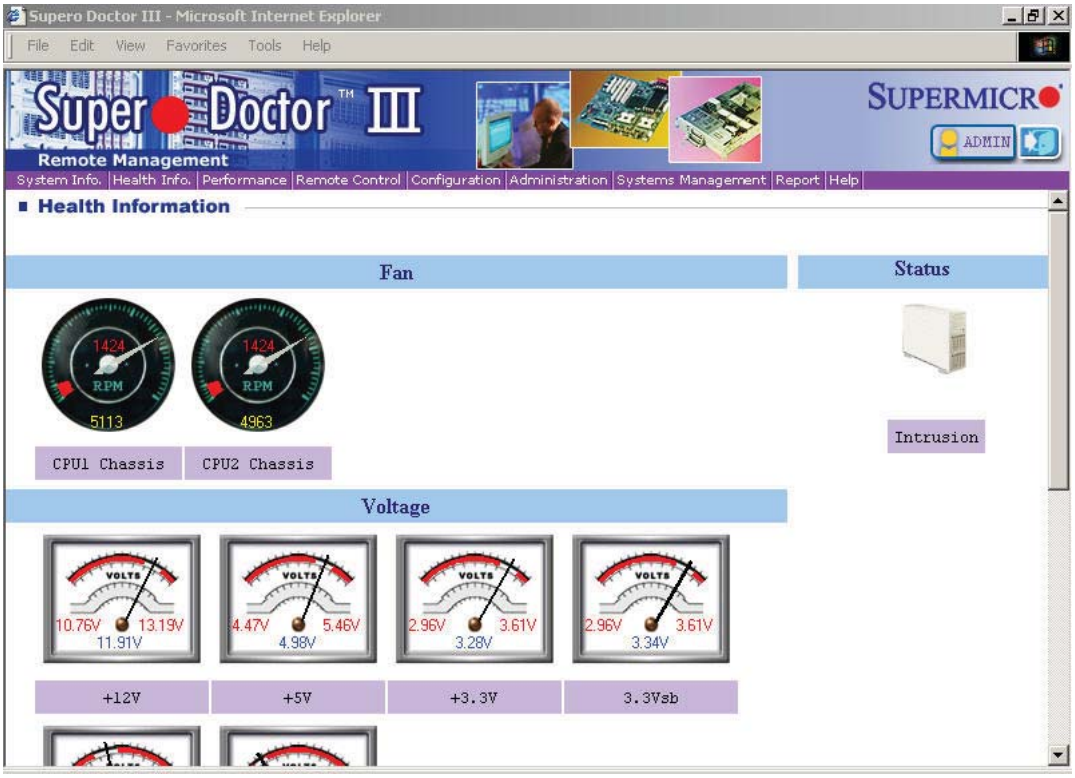
Supero Doctor III

The Supero Doctor III program is a Web base management tool that supports remote management capability. It includes Remote and Local Management tools. The local management is called SD III Client. The Supero Doctor III program included on the CD-ROM that came with your serverboard allows you to monitor the environment and operations of your system. Supero Doctor III displays crucial system information such as CPU temperature, system voltages and fan status. See the Figure below for a display of the Supero Doctor III interface.

Note: The default User Name and Password for SuperDoctor III is ADMIN / ADMIN.

Note: When SuperDoctor III is first installed, it adopts the temperature threshold settings that have been set in BIOS. Any subsequent changes to these thresholds must be made within Super Doctor, as the Super Doctor settings override the BIOS settings. To set the BIOS temperature threshold settings again, you would first need to uninstall SuperDoctor III.

Supero Doctor III Interface Display Screen (Health Information)



Supero Doctor III Interface Display Screen (Remote Control)

Supero Doctor III - Microsoft Internet Explorer
File Edit View Favorites Tools Help
Super Doctor III
Remote Management
SUPERMICRO
ADMIN
System Info. | Health Info. | Performance | Remote Control | Configuration | Administration | Systems Management | Report | Help
Remote Control
Graceful Power Control
Open Console
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Graceful power control
Supero Doctor III allows a user to inform the OS to reboot or shut down within a specified time (the default is 30 seconds). Before the system reboots or shuts down, it's allowed to cancel the action.
Requirements
Keep Supero SD3Service Daemon running at all times on this system.
Provide TCP/IP connectivity.
Power control

Note: SD III Software Revision 1.0 can be downloaded from our Web Site at: ftp://ftp.supermicro.com/utility/Supero_Doctor_III/. You can also download the SDIII User's Guide at: <http://www.supermicro.com/PRODUCT/Manuals/SDIII/UserGuide.pdf>. For Linux, we will recommend using Supero Doctor II.

Chapter 6

Advanced Chassis Setup

This chapter covers the steps required to install components and perform simple maintenance on the SC743TQ-865B-SQ chassis. Following the component installation steps in the order given will eliminate most common problems. If some steps are unnecessary, skip ahead to the step that follows. Refer to Chapter 2 for instructions on installing the system as a 4U rackmount.

Tools Required: The only tool you will need is a Philips screwdriver.

6-1 Static-Sensitive Devices

Static electrical discharge can damage electronic components. To prevent damage to any printed circuit boards (PCBs), it is important to handle them very carefully. The following measures are generally sufficient to protect your equipment from static discharge.

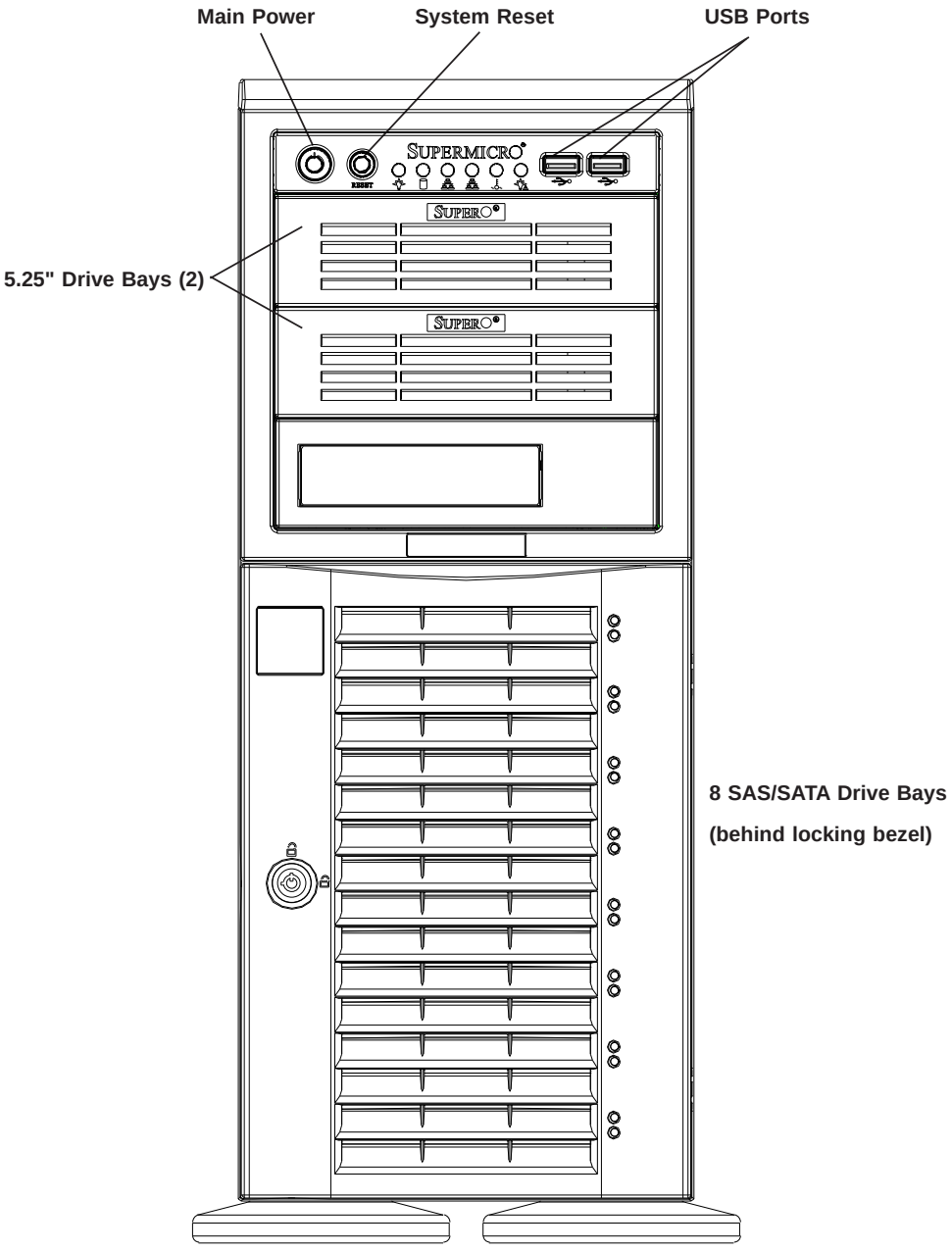
Precautions

- Use a grounded wrist strap designed to prevent static discharge.
- Touch a grounded metal object before removing any board from its antistatic bag.
- Handle a board by its edges only; do not touch its components, peripheral chips, memory modules or gold contacts.
- When handling chips or modules, avoid touching their pins.
- Put the serverboard, add-on cards and peripherals back into their antistatic bags when not in use.
- For grounding purposes, make sure your computer chassis provides excellent conductivity between the power supply, the case, the mounting fasteners and the serverboard.

Unpacking

The serverboard is shipped in antistatic packaging. When unpacking the board, make sure the person handling it is static protected.

Figure 6-1. Chassis Front View



6-2 Front Control Panel

The front control panel must be connected to the JF1 connector on the serverboard to provide you with system status and alarm indications. A ribbon cable has bundled these wires together to simplify this connection.

Connect the cable from JF1 on the serverboard (making sure the red wire plugs into pin 1) to the appropriate comnnector on the front control panel PCB (printed circuit board). Pull all excess cabling over to the control panel side of the chassis. The LEDs on the control panel inform you of system status - see Figure 6-2 for details. See Chapter 5 for details on JF1.

Figure 6-2. Front Control Panel LEDs

Power Indicates power is being supplied to the system.

HDD Indicates IDE device and hard drive activity. On the SC743TQ-865B-SQ, this LED indicates hard drive activity when flashing.

NIC1

Indicates network activity on LAN port 1.

NIC2

Indicates network activity on LAN port 2

Overheat/Fan Fail When this LED flashes, it indicates a fan failure. When on continuously it indicates an overheat condition (see Chapter 3 for details).

Power Fail Indicates a power supply fan failure. An alarm will also sound, which can be turned off with the reset switch on the back of the power supply.

6-3 System Fans

Two 8-cm PWM chassis fans provide air intake while one 9-cm PWM exhaust fan expels hot air from the chassis. All are low-noise fans that result in "Whisper-Quiet" operation (~28 dB). The fans should be connected to headers on the serverboard (see Chapter 5).

The power supply includes redundant cooling fans. If one fan fails, the remaining fan will ramp up its rpm to provide sufficient cooling. The Power Fail LED will illuminate and an audible alarm will sound, which can be silenced with a button on the power supply. If a power supply fan fails, you should replace the power supply at your earliest convenience.

Fan Failure

Under normal operation, the chassis fans, the exhaust fan and the power supply fans run continuously. The chassis fans are hot-pluggable and can be replaced without powering down the system.

Replacing Chassis Cooling Fans

Removing a Fan

1. First locate the failed chassis fan by removing the top/left chassis cover (see Chapter 2 for details). Locate the fan that has stopped working.

2. Depress the locking tab on the failed fan: on a chassis fan, push the tab on the side of the housing inward, on the exhaust fan push down on the colored tab.

3. With the tab depressed, pull the unit straight out (see Figure 6-3). The wiring for these fans has been designed to detach automatically.

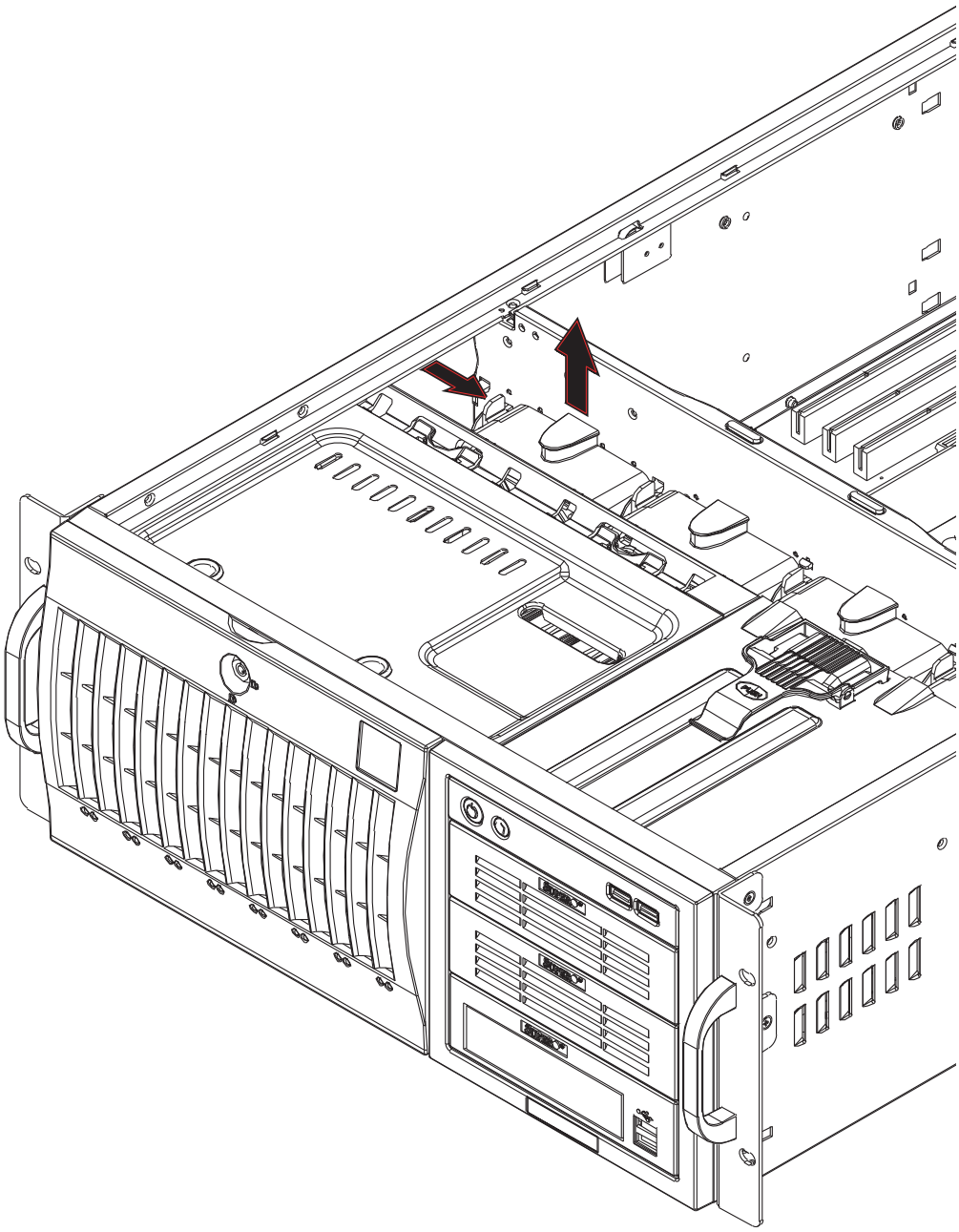
Installing a New Fan

1. Replace the failed fan with an identical one (available from Supermicro)

2. Install it in the same position and orientation as the one you removed; it should click into place when fully inserted.

3. Check that the fan is working then replace the top/left side chassis panel.

Figure 6-3. Removing a Chassis Fan



6-4 Drive Bay Installation

A total of eight SAS (or six SATA) drives may be housed in the SC743TQ-865B-SQ chassis. The drive IDs are preconfigured as 0 through 7 (or 5 for SATA) in order from bottom to top (or from left to right if rackmounted). A bezel covers the drive area but does not need to be removed to access the drives; simply swing open the bezel. If you wish to remove the bezel piece, push on the three tabs on the inside of the left lip of the front chassis cover. Then slightly swing out the same (left) side of the cover - about ½ inch only. Remove by pushing on the open side of the cover to remove it from the chassis (do not try to swing or pull it straight out after opening the left side).

Regardless of how many SAS/SATA drives are installed, all drive carriers must remain in the drive bays to promote proper airflow.

Installing/Removing SAS/SATA Drives

The SAS/SATA drive carriers are all easily accessible at the front of the chassis. These drives are hot-swappable, meaning they can be removed and installed without powering down the system.

1. Open the front bezel then push the release button located beside the drive LEDs.

2. Swing the handle fully out and then use it to pull the unit straight out.

Note: Your operating system must have RAID support to enable the hot-swap capability of the SAS/SATA drives.

Mounting a SAS/SATA drive in a Drive Carrier

The SAS/SATA drive carriers help to promote proper airflow for the system. For this reason, even carriers without SAS/SATA drives must remain in the chassis.

1. Insert the drive into the carrier with the printed circuit board side facing down so that the mounting holes align with those in the carrier.

2. Secure the drive to the carrier with four screws (see Figure 6-5).

Figure 6-4. Removing a SAS/SATA Drive Carrier

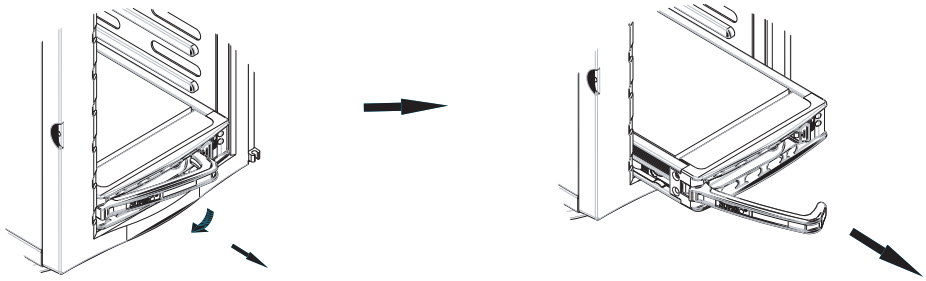
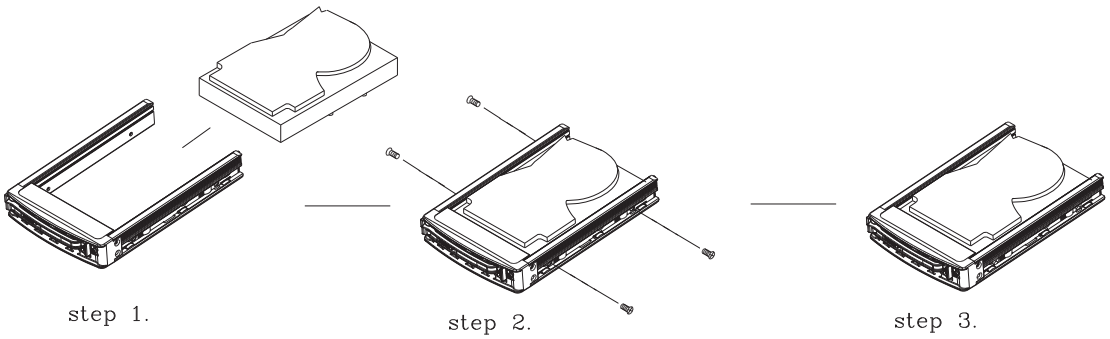


Figure 6-5. Mounting a SAS/SATA Drive in a Carrier



Important! Use extreme caution when working around the SAS/SATA backplane. Do not touch the backplane with any metal objects and make sure no ribbon cables touch the backplane or obstruct the airflow holes.

SAS/SATA Backplane

The SAS/SATA drives plug into a SAS/SATA backplane. A data cable for each drive and two LED cables need to be connected from the serverboard to the appropriate connectors on the backplane.

You cannot cascade the SAS/SATA backplane.

Installing Components in the 5.25" Drive Bays

The 7046A-3/7046A-T has two 5.25" drive bays. Components such as an extra floppy drive or DVD/CD-ROM drives can be installed into these 5.25" drive bays.

Removing the Empty Drive Bay

1. First power down the system.

2. Remove the top/left chassis cover to access the drive components.

3. With the cover off, remove the screws that secure the drive carrier to the chassis (one side only) then push the entire empty drive carrier out from the back.

Adding a DVD/CD-ROM Drive

1. Remove the guide plates (one on each side) from the empty drive carrier and screw them into both sides of the DVD/CD-ROM drive using the holes provided.

2. Slide the DVD/CD-ROM into the bay and secure it to the chassis with the drive carrier screws you first removed.

3. Attach the power and data cables to the drive.

4. Replace the top/left chassis cover and restore power to the system.

6-5 Power Supply

The SuperWorkstation 7046A-3/7046A-T has a single 865 watt power supply. This power unit is equipped with low-noise technology, making the system ideal for workstation environments.

The power supply has an auto-switching capability that enable it to automatically sense and operate with 100 or 240 volt inputs.

Power Supply Failure

If the power supply unit fails, the system will shut down and you will need to replace the power supply unit. Replace with the same model - PWS-865-PQ, which can be ordered directly from Supermicro (see Contact Information in the Preface). As there is only one power supply unit, the system must be powered down before removing and/or replacing the power supply for whatever reason.

Replacing the Power Supply

1. First power down the system.
2. Unplug the power cord from the power supply module.
3. Remove the screws that secure the module to the chassis then pull it completely out.
4. Replace the failed unit with another unit of the exact same part number (PWS-865-PQ).
5. Gently but firmly push the new unit all the way into the open bay.
6. Secure it to the chassis using the screws you previously removed.
7. Finish by replacing the chassis left/top cover and then plugging the power cord back into the new module you just added.
8. Push the power button to restart the system.

Notes

Chapter 7

BIOS

7-1 Introduction

This chapter describes the AMI BIOS Setup Utility for the X8DA3/X8DAi. The AMI ROM BIOS is stored in a Flash EEPROM and can be easily updated. This chapter describes the basic navigation of the AMI BIOS Setup Utility setup screens.

Starting BIOS Setup Utility

To enter the AMI BIOS Setup Utility screens, press the <Delete> key while the system is booting up.

Note: In most cases, the <Delete> key is used to invoke the AMI BIOS setup screen. There are a few cases when other keys are used, such as <F1>, <F2>, etc.

Each main BIOS menu option is described in this manual. The Main BIOS setup menu screen has two main frames. The left frame displays all the options that can be configured. Grayed-out options cannot be configured. Options in blue can be configured by the user. The right frame displays the key legend. Above the key legend is an area reserved for a text message. When an option is selected in the left frame, it is highlighted in white. Often a text message will accompany it. (**Note**: the AMI BIOS has default text messages built in. Supermicro retains the option to include, omit, or change any of these text messages.)

The AMI BIOS Setup Utility uses a key-based navigation system called "hot keys". Most of the AMI BIOS setup utility "hot keys" can be used at any time during the setup navigation process. These keys include <F1>, <F10>, <Enter>, <ESC>, arrow keys, etc.

Note: Options printed in **Bold** are default settings.

How To Change the Configuration Data

The configuration data that determines the system parameters may be changed by entering the AMI BIOS Setup utility. This Setup utility can be accessed by pressing <Del> at the appropriate time during system boot.

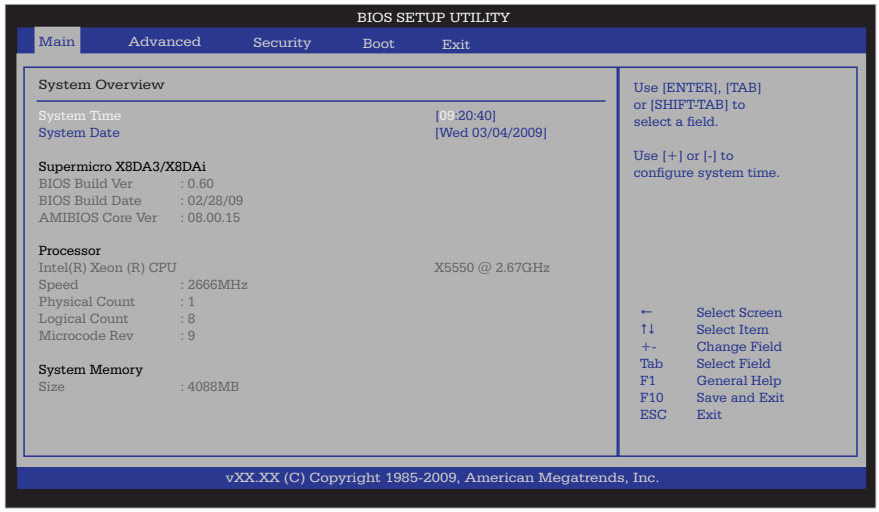
Starting the Setup Utility

Normally, the only visible Power-On Self-Test (POST) routine is the memory test. As the memory is being tested, press the <Delete> key to enter the main menu of the AMI BIOS Setup Utility. From the main menu, you can access the other setup screens. An AMI BIOS identification string is displayed at the left bottom corner of the screen below the copyright message.

Warning! Do not upgrade the BIOS unless your system has a BIOS-related issue. Flashing the wrong BIOS can cause irreparable damage to the system. In no event shall Supermicro be liable for direct, indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages arising from a BIOS update. If you have to update the BIOS, do not shut down or reset the system while the BIOS is updating. This is to avoid possible boot failure.

7-2 Main Setup

When you first enter the AMI BIOS Setup Utility, you will enter the Main setup screen. You can always return to the Main setup screen by selecting the Main tab on the top of the screen. The Main BIOS Setup screen is shown below.



System Overview: The following BIOS information will be displayed:

System Time/System Date

Use this option to change the system time and date. Highlight *System Time* or *System Date* using the arrow keys. Key in new values through the keyboard and press <Enter>. Press the <Tab> key to move between fields. The date must be entered in Day MM/DD/YY format. The time is entered in HH:MM:SS format. (**Note:** The time is in the 24-hour format. For example, 5:30 P.M. appears as 17:30:00.)

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BIOS Build Version: This item displays the BIOS revision used in your system.

BIOS Build Date: This item displays the date when this BIOS was completed.

AMI BIOS Core Version: This item displays the revision number of the AMI BIOS Core upon which your BIOS was built.

Processor

The AMI BIOS will automatically display the status of the processor used in your system:

- CPU Type: This item displays the type of CPU used in the motherboard.
- Speed: This item displays the speed of the CPU detected by the BIOS.
- Physical Count: This item displays the number of processors installed in your system as detected by the BIOS.
- Logical Count: This item displays the number of CPU Cores installed in your system as detected by the BIOS.
- Micro_code Revision: This item displays the revision number of the BIOS Micro_code used in your system.

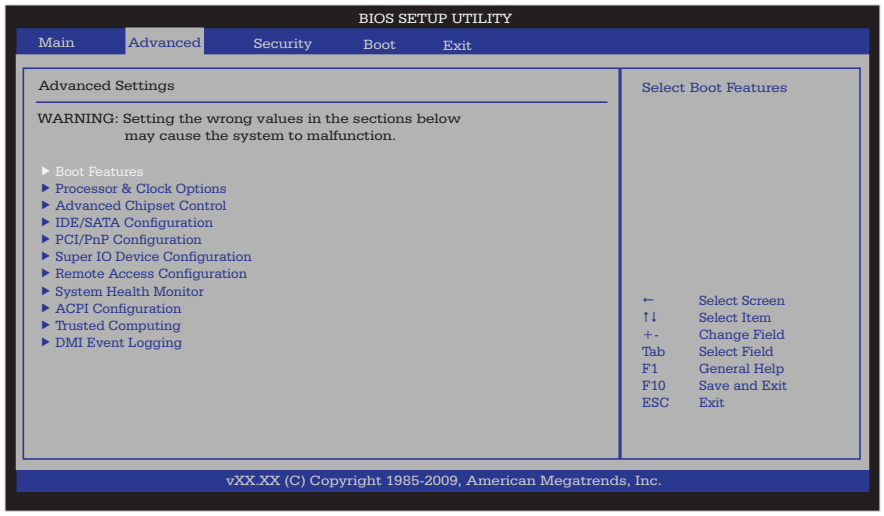
System Memory

This displays the size of memory available in the system:

- Size: This item displays the memory size detected by the BIOS.

7-3 Advanced Setup Configurations

Use the arrow keys to select Boot Setup and hit <Enter> to access the submenu items:



▶BOOT Features

Quick Boot

If Enabled, this option will skip certain tests during POST to reduce the time needed for system boot. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

Quiet Boot

This option allows the bootup screen options to be modified between POST messages or the OEM logo. Select Disabled to display the POST messages. Select Enabled to display the OEM logo instead of the normal POST messages. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

AddOn ROM Display Mode

This sets the display mode for the Option ROM. Select Keep Current to use the current AddOn ROM Display setting. Select Force BIOS to use the Option ROM display mode set by the system BIOS. The options are **Force BIOS** and Keep Current.

Bootup Num-Lock

This feature selects the Power-on state for Numlock key. The options are Off and **On**.

Wait For 'F1' If Error

This forces the system to wait until the 'F1' key is pressed if an error occurs. The options are Disabled and **Enabled**.

Hit 'Del' Message Display

This feature displays "Press DEL to run Setup" during POST. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

Interrupt 19 Capture

Interrupt 19 is the software interrupt that handles the boot disk function. When this item is set to Enabled, the ROM BIOS of the host adaptors will "capture" Interrupt 19 at boot and allow the drives that are attached to these host adaptors to function as bootable disks. If this item is set to Disabled, the ROM BIOS of the host adaptors will not capture Interrupt 19, and the drives attached to these adaptors will not function as bootable devices. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

Power Configuration

Power Button Function

If set to Instant_Off, the system will power off immediately as soon as the user hits the power button. If set to 4_Second_Override, the system will power off when the user presses the power button for 4 seconds or longer. The options are **Instant_Off** and 4_Second_Override.

Restore on AC Power Loss

Use this feature to set the power state after a power outage.

- Select Power-Off for the system power to remain off after a power loss.
- Select Power-On for the system power to be turned on after a power loss.
- Select Last State to allow the system to resume its last state before a power loss.

The options are Power-On, Power-Off and **Last State**.

Watch Dog Timer

If enabled, the Watch Dog Timer will allow the system to reboot when it is inactive for more than 5 minutes. The options are Enabled and **Disabled.**

▶Processor and Clock Options

This submenu allows the user to configure the Processor and Clock settings.

CPU Ratio

Select Manual to manually configure the CPU Ratio. Select Auto to allow the BIOS to automatically configure the CPU Ratio. The options are **Auto** and Manual.

C1E Support

Select Enabled to use the feature of Enhanced Halt State. C1E significantly reduces the CPU's power consumption by reducing the CPU's clock cycle and voltage during a "Halt State." The options are Disabled and **Enabled**.

Hardware Prefetcher (Available when supported by the CPU)

If set to Enabled, the hardware pre fetcher will pre fetch streams of data and instructions from the main memory to the L2 cache in the forward or backward manner to improve CPU performance. The options are Disabled and **Enabled**.

Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch (Available when supported by the CPU)

The CPU fetches the cache line for 64 bytes if this option is set to Disabled. The CPU fetches both cache lines for 128 bytes as comprised if **Enabled**.

Intel® Virtualization Technology (Available when supported by the CPU)

Select Enabled to use the feature of Virtualization Technology to allow one platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions, creating multiple "virtual" systems in one physical computer. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled. **Note**: If there is any change to this setting, you will need to power off and restart the system for the change to take effect. Please refer to Intel's web site for detailed information.

Execute-Disable Bit Capability (Available when supported by the OS and the CPU)

Set to Enabled to enable the Execute Disable Bit which will allow the processor to designate areas in the system memory where an application code can execute and where it cannot, thus preventing a worm or a virus from flooding illegal codes to overwhelm the processor or damage the system during an attack. The default is **Enabled**. (Refer to Intel and Microsoft Web Sites for more information.)

Simultaneous Multi-Threading (Available when supported by the CPU)

Set to Enabled to use the Simultaneous Multi-Threading Technology, which will result in increased CPU performance. The options are Disabled and **Enabled.**

Active Processor Cores

Set to Enabled to use a processor's Second Core and beyond. (Please refer to Intel's web site for more information.) The options are **All,** 1 and 2.

Intel® Speed_Step™ Technology

EIST (Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology) allows the system to automatically adjust processor voltage and core frequency in an effort to reduce power consumption and heat dissipation. **Please refer to Intel's web site for detailed information.** The options are Disable (Disable GV3) and **Enable (Enable GV3)**.

Intel® Turbo Mode Technology

Select Enabled to use the Turbo Mode to boost system performance. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

Intel® C-STATE Tech

If enabled, C-State is set by the system automatically to either C2, C3 or C4 state. The options are **Disabled** and Enabled.

C-State package limit setting

If set to Auto, the AMI BIOS will automatically set the limit on the C-State package register. The options are **Auto**, C1, C3, C6 and C7.

C1 Auto Demotion

When enabled, the CPU will conditionally demote C3, C6 or C7 requests to C1 based on un-core auto-demote information. The options are Disabled and **Enabled.**

C3 Auto Demotion

When enabled, the CPU will conditionally demote C6 or C7 requests to C3 based on un-core auto-demote information. The options are Disabled and **Enabled.**

Clock Spread Spectrum

Select Enable to use the feature of Clock Spectrum, which will allow the BIOS to monitor and attempt to reduce the level of Electromagnetic Interference caused by the components whenever needed. The options are **Disabled** and Enabled.

▶Advanced Chipset Control

The items included in the Advanced Settings submenu are listed below:

▶CPU Bridge Configuration

QPI Links Speed

This feature selects QPI's data transfer speed. The options are Slow-mode, and **Full Speed**.

QPI Frequency

This selects the desired QPI frequency. The options are **Auto**, 4.800 GT, 5.866GT, 6.400 GT.

QPI L0s and L1

This enables the QPI power state to low power. L0s and L1 are automatically selected by the motherboard. The options are **Disabled** and Enabled.

Memory Frequency

This feature forces a DDR3 frequency slower than what the system has detected. The available options are **Auto**, Force DDR-800, Force DDR-1066, Force DDR-1333.

Memory Mode

The options are **Independent**, Channel Mirror, Lockstep and Sparing.

Independent - All DIMMs are available to the operating system.

Channel Mirror - The motherboard maintains two identical copies of all data in memory for redundancy.

Lockstep - The motherboard uses two areas of memory to run the same set of operations in parallel.

Sparing - A preset threshold of correctable errors is used to trigger fail-over. The spare memory is put online and used as active memory in place of the failed memory.

Demand Scrubbing

A memory error-correction scheme where the Processor writes corrected data back into the memory block from where it was read by the Processor. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

Patrol Scrubbing

A memory error-correction scheme that works in the background looking for and correcting resident errors. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

Throttling - Closed Loop/Throttling - Open Loop

Throttling improves reliability and reduces power in the processor by automatic voltage control during processor idle states. Available options are **Disabled** and Enabled. If Enabled, the following items will appear:

Hysteresis Temperature (Closed Loop Only)

Temperature Hysteresis is the temperature lag (in degrees Celsius) after the set DIMM temperature threshold is reached before Closed Loop Throttling begins. The options are Disabled, **1.5^{O}C**, 3.0^{o}C, and 6.0^{o}C.

Guardband Temperature (Closed Loop Only)

This is the temperature which applies to the DIMM temperature threshold. Each step is in 0.5^{o}C increment. The default is **[006]**. Press "+" or "-" on your keyboard to change this value.

Inlet Temperature

This is the temperature detected at the chassis inlet. Each step is in 0.5^{o}C increment. The default is **[070]**. Press "+" or "-" on your keyboard to change this value.

Temperature Rise

This is the temperature rise to the DIMM thermal zone. Each step is in 0.5^{o}C increment. The default is **[020]**. Press "+" or "-" on your keyboard to change this value.

Air Flow

This is the air flow speed to the DIMM modules. Each step is one mm/sec. The default is **[1500]**. Press "+" or "-" on your keyboard to change this value.

Altitude

This feature defines how many meters above or below sea level the system is located. The options are **Sea Level or Below,** 1~300, 301~600, 601~900, 901~1200, 1201~1500, 1501~1800, 1801~2100, 2101~2400, 2401~2700, 2701~3000.

DIMM Pitch

This is the physical space between each DIMM module. Each step is in 1/1000 of an inch. The default is **[400]**. Press "+" or "-" on your keyboard to change this value.

▶North Bridge Configuration

This feature allows the user to configure the settings for the Intel North Bridge chip.

Crystal Beach/DMA (Direct Memory Access)

This feature works in conjunction with the Intel I/O AT (Acceleration Technology) to accelerate the performance of TOE devices. (**Note**: A TOE device is a specialized, dedicated processor that is installed on an add-on card or a network card to handle some or all packet processing of this add-on card.) When this feature is set to Enabled, it will enhance overall system performance by providing direct memory access for data transferring. The options are Enabled and **Disabled.**

Crystal Beach/DCA (Direct Cache Access)

This feature works in conjunction with the Intel I/O AT (Acceleration Technology) to accelerate the performance of the TOE device. When this feature set to Enabled, it will enhance overall system performance by providing direct cache access for data transferring. The options are Enabled and **Disabled.**

NUMA Support

Select Enabled to use the feature of Non-Uniform Memory Access to improve CPU performance. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

Intel VT-d

Select Enabled to enable Intel's Virtualization Technology support for Direct I/O VT-d by reporting the I/O device assignments to VMM through the DMAR ACPI Tables. This feature offers fully-protected I/O resource-sharing across the Intel platforms, providing the user with greater reliability, security and availability in networking and data-sharing. The settings are Enabled and **Disabled**.

▶SouthBridge Configuration

This feature allows the user to configure the settings for the Intel ICH South Bridge chipset.

USB Functions

This feature allows the user to decide the number of onboard USB ports to be enabled. The Options are: Disabled, 2 USB ports, 4 USB ports, 6 USB ports, 8 Ports, 10 Ports and **12 USB ports**.

Legacy USB Support

Select Enabled to use Legacy USB devices. If this item is set to Auto, Legacy USB support will be automatically enabled if a legacy USB device is installed on the motherboard, and vise versa. The settings are Disabled, and **Enabled**.

USB 2.0 Controller

Select Enabled to activate the onboard USB 2.0 controller. This setting is always Enabled.

USB 2.0 Controller Mode

This setting allows you to select the USB 2.0 Controller mode. The options are **Hi-Speed (480 Mbps**) and Full Speed (12 Mbps).

BIOS EHCI Hand-Off

Select Enabled to enable BIOS Enhanced Host Controller Interface support to provide a workaround solution for an operating system that does not have EHCI

Hand-Off support. When enabled, the EHCI Interface will be changed from the BIOS-controlled to the OS-controlled. The options are Disabled and **Enabled**.

HDA Controller

Select Enabled to activate the onboard High-Definition Audio controller. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

▶IDE/SATA Configuration

When this submenu is selected, the AMI BIOS automatically detects the presence of the IDE devices and displays the following items:

SATA#1 Configuration

If Compatible is selected, it sets SATA#1 to legacy compatibility mode, while selecting Enhanced sets SATA#1 to native SATA mode. The options are Disabled, Compatible and **Enhanced**.

Configure SATA#1 as

This feature allows the user to select the drive type for SATA#1. The options are **IDE,** RAID and AHCI.

SATA#2 Configuration

Selecting Enhanced will set SATA#2 to native SATA mode. The options are Disabled, and **Enhanced**.

Primary IDE Master/Slave, Secondary IDE Master/Slave, Third IDE Master, and Fourth IDE Master

These settings allow the user to set the parameters of Primary IDE Master/Slave, Secondary IDE Master/Slave, Third and Fourth IDE Master slots. Hit <Enter> to activate the following submenu screen for detailed options of these items. Set the correct configurations accordingly. The items included in the submenu are:

Type

Select the type of device connected to the system. The options are Not Installed, **Auto**, CD/DVD and ARMD.

LBA/Large Mode

LBA (Logical Block Addressing) is a method of addressing data on a disk drive. In the LBA mode, the maximum drive capacity is 137 GB. For drive capacities over 137 GB, your system must be equipped with a 48-bit LBA mode addressing. If not, contact your manufacturer or install an ATA/133 IDE controller card that supports 48-bit LBA mode. The options are Disabled and **Auto**.

Block (Multi-Sector Transfer)

Block Mode boosts the IDE drive performance by increasing the amount of data transferred. Only 512 bytes of data can be transferred per interrupt if Block Mode is not used. Block Mode allows transfers of up to 64 KB per interrupt. Select Disabled to allow data to be transferred from and to the device one sector at a time. Select Auto to allow data transfer from and to the device occur multiple sectors at a time if the device supports it. The options are **Auto** and Disabled.

PIO Mode

The IDE PIO (Programmable I/O) Mode programs timing cycles between the IDE drive and the programmable IDE controller. As the PIO mode increases, the cycle time decreases. The options are **Auto**, 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Select Auto to allow the AMI BIOS to automatically detect the PIO mode. Use this value if the IDE disk drive support cannot be determined.

Select 0 to allow the AMI BIOS to use PIO mode 0. It has a data transfer rate of 3.3 MBs.

Select 1 to allow the AMI BIOS to use PIO mode 1. It has a data transfer rate of 5.2 MBs.

Select 2 to allow the AMI BIOS to use PIO mode 2. It has a data transfer rate of 8.3 MBs.

Select 3 to allow the AMI BIOS to use PIO mode 3. It has a data transfer rate of 11.1 MBs.

Select 4 to allow the AMI BIOS to use PIO mode 4. It has a data transfer bandwidth of 32-Bits. Select Enabled to enable 32-Bit data transfer.

DMA Mode

Select Auto to allow the BIOS to automatically detect IDE DMA mode when the IDE disk drive support cannot be determined.

Select SWDMA0 to allow the BIOS to use Single Word DMA mode 0. It has a data transfer rate of 2.1 MBs.

Select SWDMA1 to allow the BIOS to use Single Word DMA mode 1. It has a data transfer rate of 4.2 MBs.

Select SWDMA2 to allow the BIOS to use Single Word DMA mode 2. It has a data transfer rate of 8.3 MBs.

Select MWDMA0 to allow the BIOS to use Multi Word DMA mode 0. It has a data transfer rate of 4.2 MBs.

Select MWDMA1 to allow the BIOS to use Multi Word DMA mode 1. It has a data transfer rate of 13.3 MBs.

Select MWDMA2 to allow the BIOS to use Multi-Word DMA mode 2. It has a data transfer rate of 16.6 MBs.

Select UDMA0 to allow the BIOS to use Ultra DMA mode 0. It has a data transfer rate of 16.6 MBs. It has the same transfer rate as PIO mode 4 and Multi Word DMA mode 2.

Select UDMA1 to allow the BIOS to use Ultra DMA mode 1. It has a data transfer rate of 25 MBs.

Select UDMA2 to allow the BIOS to use Ultra DMA mode 2. It has a data transfer rate of 33.3 MBs.

Select UDMA3 to allow the BIOS to use Ultra DMA mode 3. It has a data transfer rate of 66.6 MBs.

Select UDMA4 to allow the BIOS to use Ultra DMA mode 4. It has a data transfer rate of 100 MBs.

Select UDMA5 to allow the BIOS to use Ultra DMA mode 5. It has a data transfer rate of 133 MBs.

Select UDMA6 to allow the BIOS to use Ultra DMA mode 6. It has a data transfer rate of 133 MBs. The options are **Auto**, SWDMAn, MWDMAn, and UDMAn.

S.M.A.R.T. For Hard disk drives

Self-Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology (SMART) can help predict impending drive failures. Select Auto to allow the AMI BIOS to automatically detect hard disk drive support. Select Disabled to prevent the AMI BIOS from using the S.M.A.R.T. Select Enabled to allow the AMI BIOS to use the S.M.A.R.T. to support hard drive disk. The options are Disabled, Enabled, and **Auto**.

32Bit Data Transfer

Select Enable to enable the function of 32-bit IDE data transfer. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

IDE Detect Timeout (sec)

Use this feature to set the time-out value for the BIOS to detect the ATA, ATAPI devices installed in the system. The options are 0 (sec), 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and **35**.

▶PCI/PnP Configuration

Clear NVRAM

This feature clears the NVRAM during system boot. The options are **No** and Yes.

Plug & Play OS

Selecting Yes allows the OS to configure Plug & Play devices. (This is not required for system boot if your system has an OS that supports Plug & Play.) Select **No** to allow the AMI BIOS to configure all devices in the system.

PCI Latency Timer

This feature sets the latency Timer of each PCI device installed on a PCI bus. Select 64 to set the PCI latency to 64 PCI clock cycles. The options are 32, **64**, 96, 128, 160, 192, 224 and 248.

PCI IDE Bus Master

When enabled, the BIOS uses PCI bus mastering for reading/writing to IDE drives. The options are Disabled and **Enabled.**

Slot 1 Option ROM~Slot 6 Option ROM

Select Enabled to enable Slot 1 Option ROM~Slot 6 Option ROM, which will allow you to boot the computer from a PCI device installed on a PCI slot. The options are Disabled and **Enabled**.

LAN1 PXE (i82573V)/LAN2 PXE (i82573L) PXE Option ROM

Select Enabled to enable the onboard LAN1/LAN2 PXE Option ROMs. This is to boot computers using a network interface. The options are Enabled and **Disabled.**

▶Super IO Device Configuration

Onboard Floppy Controller

Select Enable to enable the onboard Floppy Controller. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

Floppy A/Floppy B

This feature allows the user to select the type of floppy drive connected to the system as specified. The options are Disabled, 360KB 5 1/4", 1.2MB 5 1/4", 720KB 3 1/2", 1.44MB 3 1/2" and 2.88MB 3 1/2". The default setting for Floppy A is **1.44MB 3 1/2"**, and for Floppy B is **Disabled.**

Serial Port1 Address/ Serial Port2 Address

This option specifies the base I/O port address and the Interrupt Request address of Serial Port 1 and Serial Port 2. Select Disabled to prevent the serial port from accessing any system resources. When this option is set to Disabled, the serial port physically becomes unavailable. Select 3F8/IRQ4 to allow the serial port to use 3F8 as its I/O port address and IRQ 4 for the interrupt address. The options for Serial

Port1 are Disabled, **3F8/IRQ4**, 3E8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3. The options for Serial Port2 are Disabled, **2F8/IRQ3**, 3E8/IRQ4, and 2E8/IRQ3.

Serial Port 2 Mode

Use this feature to configure Serial Port 2 mode. The options are **Normal,** IrDA and ASK IR. IrDA (Infrared Data) is an industry standard for remote control devices. ASK IR (Amplitude Shifted Keying Infrared) is a protocol compatible with Sharp® branded PDAs and other infrared devices.

Watch Dog Timer

If enabled, the Watch Dog Timer will allow the system to reboot when it is inactive for more than 5 minutes. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

▶Remote Access Configuration

Remote Access

This allows the user to enable the Remote Access feature. The options are **Disabled** and Enabled.

If Remote Access is set to Enabled, the following items will display:

Serial Port Number

This feature allows the user decide which serial port to be used for Console Redirection. The options are COM 1 and **COM 2.**

Serial Port Mode

This feature allows the user to set the serial port mode for Console Redirection. The options are **115200 8, n 1**; 57600 8, n, 1; 38400 8, n, 1; 19200 8, n, 1; and 9600 8, n, 1.

Flow Control

This feature allows the user to set the flow control for Console Redirection. The options are **None**, Hardware, and Software.

Redirection After BIOS POST

Select Disabled to turn off Console Redirection after Power-On Self-Test (POST). Select Always to keep Console Redirection active all the time after POST. (Note: This setting may not be supported by some operating systems.) Select Boot Loader to keep Console Redirection active during POST and Boot Loader. The options are Disabled, Boot Loader, and **Always**.

Terminal Type

This feature allows the user to select the target terminal type for Console Redirection. The options are ANSI, **VT100**, and VT-UTF8.

VT-UTF8 Combo Key Support

A terminal keyboard definition that provides a way to send commands from a remote console. Available options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

Sredir Memory Display Delay

This feature defines the length of time in seconds to display memory information. The options are **No Delay,** Delay 1 Sec, Delay 2 Sec, and Delay 4 Sec.

▶System Health Monitor

This feature allows the user to monitor system health and review the status of each item as displayed.

CPU Overheat Alarm

This option allows the user to select the CPU Overheat Alarm setting which determines when the CPU OH alarm will be activated to provide warning of possible CPU overheat.

Warning!

1. Any temperature that exceeds the CPU threshold temperature predefined by the CPU manufacturer may result in CPU overheat or system instability. When the CPU temperature reaches this predefined threshold, the CPU and system cooling fans will run at full speed.

2. To avoid possible system overheating, please be sure to provide adequate airflow to your system.

The options are:

- The Early Alarm: Select this setting if you want the CPU overheat alarm (including the LED and the buzzer) to be triggered as soon as the CPU temperature reaches the CPU overheat threshold as predefined by the CPU manufacturer.

- **The Default Alarm**: Select this setting if you want the CPU overheat alarm (including the LED and the buzzer) to be triggered when the CPU temperature reaches about 5ºC above the threshold temperature as predefined by the CPU manufacturer to give the CPU and system fans additional time needed for CPU and system cooling. In both the alarms above, please take immediate action as shown below.

CPU Temperature/System Temperature

This feature displays current temperature readings for the CPU and the System.

The following items will be displayed for your reference only:

CPU Temperature

The CPU thermal technology that reports absolute temperatures (Celsius/Fahrenheit) has been upgraded to a more advanced feature by Intel in its newer processors. The basic concept is each CPU is embedded by unique temperature information that the motherboard can read. This 'Temperature Threshold' or 'Temperature Tolerance' has been assigned at the factory and is the baseline on which the motherboard takes action during different CPU temperature conditions (i.e., by increasing CPU Fan speed, triggering the Overheat Alarm, etc). Since CPUs can have different 'Temperature Tolerances', the installed CPU can now send information to the motherboard what its 'Temperature Tolerance' is, and not the other way around. This results in better CPU thermal management.

Supermicro has leveraged this feature by assigning a temperature status to certain thermal conditions in the processor (Low, Medium and High). This makes it easier for the user to understand the CPU's temperature status, rather than by just simply seeing a temperature reading (i.e., 25^{o}C). The CPU Temperature feature will display the CPU temperature status as detected by the BIOS:

Low – This level is considered as the 'normal' operating state. The CPU temperature is well below the CPU 'Temperature Tolerance'. The motherboard fans and CPU will run normally as configured in the BIOS (Fan Speed Control).

User intervention: No action required.

Medium – The processor is running warmer. This is a 'precautionary' level and generally means that there may be factors contributing to this condition, but the CPU is still within its normal operating state and below the CPU 'Temperature Tolerance'. The motherboard fans and CPU will run normally as configured in the BIOS. The fans may adjust to a faster speed depending on the Fan Speed Control settings.

User intervention: No action is required. However, consider checking the CPU fans and the chassis ventilation for blockage.

High – The processor is running hot. This is a 'caution' level since the CPU's 'Temperature Tolerance' has been reached (or has been exceeded) and may activate an overheat alarm.

User intervention: If the system buzzer and Overheat LED has activated, take action immediately by checking the system fans, chassis ventilation and room temperature to correct any problems.

Note: The system may shut down if it continues for a long period to prevent damage to the CPU.

Note: The information provided above is for your reference only. For more information on thermal management, please refer to Intel's Web site at www.Intel.com.

System Temperature: The system temperature will be displayed (in degrees in Celsius and Fahrenheit) as it is detected by the BIOS.

System Fan Monitor

This feature allows the user to decide how the system controls the speeds of the onboard fans. The CPU temperature and the fan speed are correlative. When the CPU on-die temperature increases, the fan speed will also increase, and vice versa. Select Workstation if your system is used as a Workstation. Select Server if your system is used as a Server. Select "Disabled, (Full Speed @12V)" to disable the fan speed control function and allow the onboard fans to constantly run at the full speed (12V). The Options are: **Disabled (@full-speed)**, 4-pin (Server), 4-pin (Workstation), 4-pin (Quiet) and , 4-pin (Super Quiet).

Fan1 ~ Fan 8 Reading

This feature displays the fan speed readings from fan interfaces Fan1 through Fan5.

Voltage Monitoring

Vcore, 3.3Vcc, 12V, V_DIMM, 5V, -12V, 3.3VSB, and VBAT

▶ACPI Configuration

Use this feature to configure Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) power management settings for your system.

ACPI Version Features

The options are ACPI v1.0, **ACPI v2.0** and ACPI v3.0. Please refer to ACPI's website for further explanation: http://www.acpi.info/.

ACPI Suspend Mode

This option is used to select the ACPI State that is used for system suspend. The options are S1 (POS), S3 (STR) and **Auto**.

S1 (POS) - All processor caches are erased, and stops executing instructions. Power to the CPU(s) and RAM is maintained, but RAM is refreshed.

S3 (STR) - The CPU has no power and the power supply goes on reduced power mode. However, main memory (RAM) is still powered.

ACPI APIC Support

Select Enabled to include the ACPI APIC Table Pointer in the RSDT (Root System Description Table) pointer list.The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

APIC ACPI SCI IRQ

When this item is set to Enabled, APIC ACPI SCI IRQ is supported by the system. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

Headless Mode

This feature is used to enable system to function without a keyboard, monitor or mouse attached The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

USB Device Wakeup from S3/S4

Select to Enabled to allow USB devices to wakeup from S3/S4 state. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

High Performance Event Timer

Select Enabled to activate the High Performance Event Timer (HPET) that produces periodic interrupts at a much higher frequency than a Real-time Clock (RTC) does in synchronizing multimedia streams, providing smooth playback and reducing the dependency on other timestamp calculation devices, such as an x86 RDTSC Instruction embedded in the CPU. The High Performance Event Timer is used to replace the 8254 Programmable Interval Timer. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

▶Trusted Computing

TCG/TPM (Trusted Platform Module) Support

Select Yes on this item and enable the TPM jumper on the motherboard to enable TCG (TPM 1.1/1.2)/TPM support in order to improve data integrity and network security. The options are **No** and Yes.

If this feature is set to Yes, the following items will display:

TPM Enable/Disable Status

This item displays the status of TPM Enabled/Disabled state.

TPM Owner Status

This item displays the status of TPM Ownership.

▶DMI Event Log

View Event Log

Use this option to view the System Event Log.

Mark all events as read

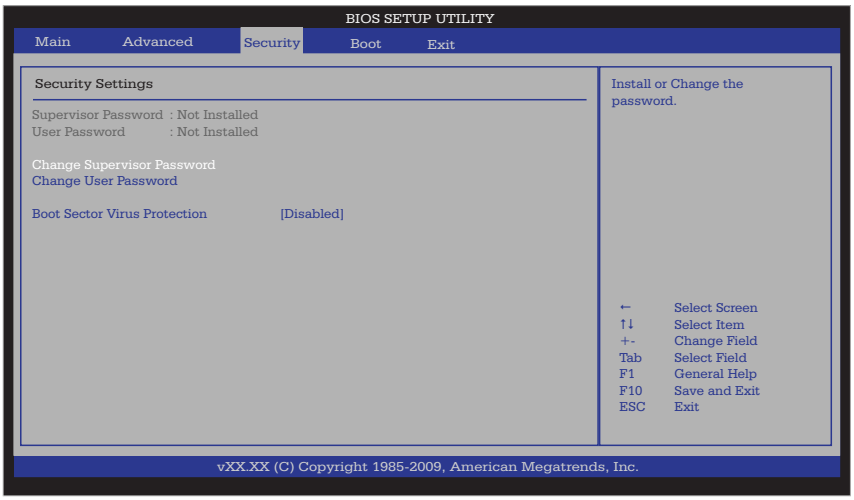
This option marks all events as read. The options are OK and Cancel.

Clear event log

This option clears the Event Log memory of all messages. The options are OK and Cancel**.**

7-4 Security Settings

The AMI BIOS provides a Supervisor and a User password. If you use both passwords, the Supervisor password must be set first.



Supervisor Password

This item indicates if a Supervisor password has been entered for the system. "Not Installed" means a Supervisor password has not been used.

User Password

This item indicates if a user password has been entered for the system. "Not Installed" means that a user password has not been used.

Change Supervisor Password

Select this feature and press <Enter> to access the submenu, and then enter a new Supervisor Password.

User Access Level (Available when Supervisor Password is set as above)

Use this feature to set the user's access level. The options are:

- **Full Access**: grants full User read and write access to the Setup Utility,
- View Only: allows access to the Setup Utility but the fields cannot be changed,
- Limited: allows only limited fields to be changed such as Date and Time,
- No Access: prevents User access to the Setup Utility.

Change User Password

Select this feature and press <Enter> to access the submenu , and then enter a new User Password.

Clear User Password (Available only if User Password has been set)

This item allows you to clear a user password after it has been entered.

Password Check

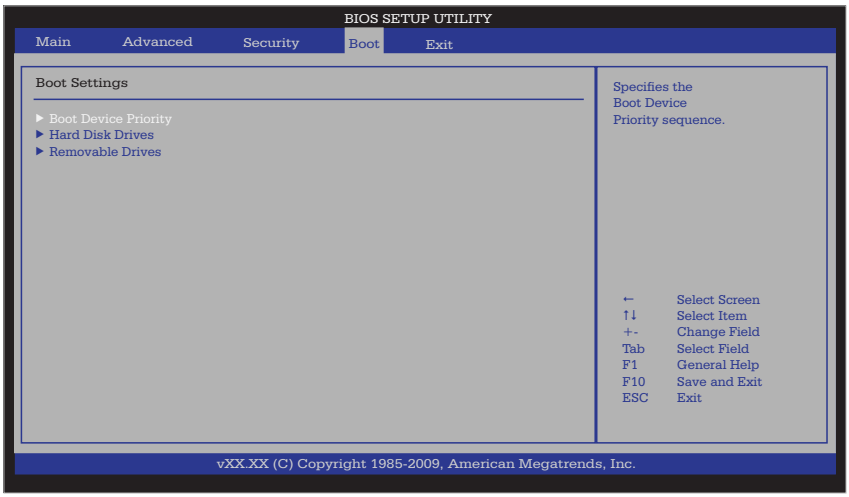
This item allows you to check a password after it has been entered. The options are **Setup** and Always.

Boot Sector Virus Protection

When Enabled, the AMI BOIS displays a warning when any program (or virus) issues a Disk Format command or attempts to write to the boot sector of the hard disk drive. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

7-5 Boot Configuration

Use this feature to configure boot settings.



▶Boot Device Priority

This feature allows the user to specify the sequence of priority for the Boot Device. The settings are 1st boot device, 2nd boot device, 3rd boot device, 4th boot device, 5th boot device and Disabled.

- 1st Boot Device - 1st Floppy Drive
- 2nd Boot Device - [USB: XXXXXXXXX]

▶Hard Disk Drives

This feature allows the user to specify the boot sequence from all available hard disk drives. The settings are Disabled and a list of all hard disk drives that have been detected (i.e., 1st Drive, 2nd Drive, 3rd Drive, etc).

▶Removable Drives

This feature allows the user to specify the boot sequence from available Removable Drives. The settings are 1st boot device, 2nd boot device, and Disabled.

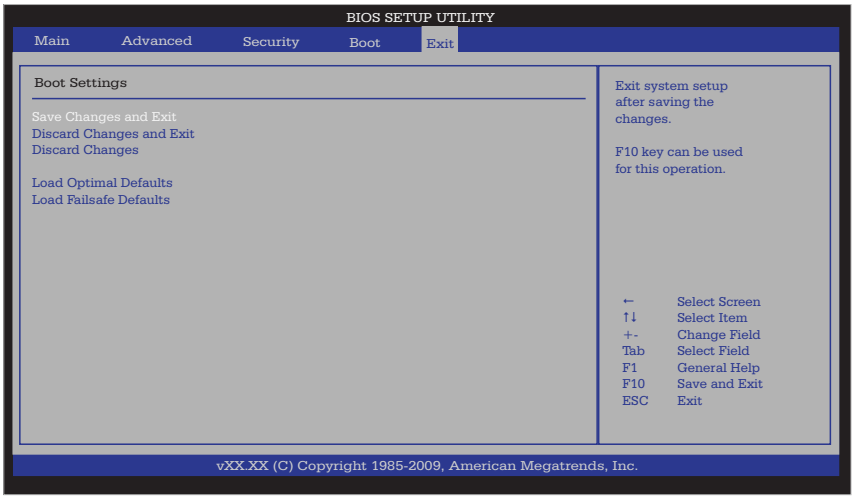
- 1st Drive
- 2nd Drive - [USB: XXXXXXXXX]

▶CD/DVD Drives

This feature allows the user to specify the boot sequence from available CD/DVD Drives (i.e., 1st Drive, 2nd Drive, etc).

7-6 Exit Options

Select the Exit tab from the AMI BIOS Setup Utility screen to enter the Exit BIOS Setup screen.



Save Changes and Exit

When you have completed the system configuration changes, select this option to leave the BIOS Setup Utility and reboot the computer, so the new system configuration parameters can take effect. Select Save Changes and Exit from the Exit menu and press <Enter>.

Discard Changes and Exit

Select this option to quit the BIOS Setup without making any permanent changes to the system configuration, and reboot the computer. Select Discard Changes and Exit from the Exit menu and press <Enter>.

Discard Changes

Select this option and press <Enter> to discard all the changes and return to the AMI BIOS Utility Program.

Load Optimal Defaults

To set this feature, select Load Optimal Defaults from the Exit menu and press <Enter>. Then, select OK to allow the AMI BIOS to automatically load Optimal Defaults to the BIOS Settings. The Optimal settings are designed for maximum system performance, but may not work best for all computer applications.

Load Fail-Safe Defaults

To set this feature, select Load Fail-Safe Defaults from the Exit menu and press <Enter>. The Fail-Safe settings are designed for maximum system stability, but not for maximum performance.

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Appendix A

BIOS POST Codes

During the POST (Power-On Self-Test) routines, which are performed each time the system is powered on, errors may occur.

Non-fatal errors are those which, in most cases, allow the system to continue the boot-up process. The error messages normally appear on the screen.

Fatal errors are those which will not allow the system to continue the boot-up procedure. If a fatal error occurs, you should consult with your system manufacturer for possible repairs.

BIOS POST Error Beep Codes

Beep Code	Error Message	Description
1 beep	Refresh	Circuits have been reset. (Ready to power up)
5 short beeps, 1 long beep	Memory error	No memory detected in the system
8 beeps	Display memory read/write error	Video adapter missing or with faulty memory
1 continuous beep (with the front panel OH LED on)	System Overheat	1 continuous beep with the front panel OH LED on

Notes

Appendix B

Installing Windows

After all hardware components have been installed, you must first configure Intel South Bridge RAID Settings before you install the Windows OS and other software drivers. To configure RAID settings, please refer to RAID Configuration User Guides posted on our web site at www.supermicro.com/support/manuals.

B-1 Installing the Windows OS to a RAID System

1. Insert Microsoft's Windows XP/2003/2008/Vista Setup CD in the CD driver and the system will start booting up from CD.

2. Press the <F6> key when the message "Press F6 if you need to install a third party SCSI or RAID driver" displays.

3. When the Windows XP/2003/2008/Vista Setup screen appears, press "S" to specify additional device(s).

4. Insert the driver diskette "Intel AA RAID XP/2003/2008/Vista Driver for ICH10R" into the floppy drive and press the <Enter> key.

5. Choose the Intel(R) ICH10R SATA RAID Controller from the list indicated in the XP/2003/2008/Vista Setup Screen and press the <Enter> key.

6. Press the <Enter> key to continue the installation process. (If you need to specify any additional devices to be installed, do it at this time.) Once all devices are specified, press the <Enter> key to continue with the installation.

7. From the Windows XP/2003/2008/Vista Setup screen, press the <Enter> key. The XP/2003/2008/Vista Setup will automatically load all device files and then, continue the Windows XP/2003/2008/Vista installation.

8. After the Windows XP/2003/2008/Vista OS Installation is completed, the system will automatically reboot.

B-2 Installing Windows to a Non-RAID System

1. Insert Microsoft's Windows XP/2003/2008/Vista Setup CD in the CD drive and the system will start booting up from CD.

2. Continue with the OS installation. The Windows OS Setup screen will display.

3. From the Windows XP/2003/2008/Vista Setup screen, press the <Enter> key. The XP/2003/2008/Vista/2008/Vista Setup will automatically load all device files and then continue with the Windows XP/2003/2008/Vista installation.

4. After the Windows XP/2003/2008/Vista OS Installation is completed, the system will automatically reboot.

5. Insert the Supermicro Setup CD that came with your serverboard into the CD Drive during system boot, and the main screen will display.

Appendix C

System Specifications

Processors
Two Intel Nehalem processors (next generation Intel Xeon® processor)

Note: Please refer to our web site for a complete listing of supported processors.

Chipset
Intel XIOH36 + ICH10R

BIOS
32 Mb AMI SPI Flash ROM

Memory Capacity
Twelve DIMM sockets supporting up to 96 GB of registered ECC DDR3-1333/1066/800 SDRAM

Note: See the memory section in Chapter 5 for details.

SAS Controller (7046A-3 only)
Intel on-chip controller for eight-port SAS (RAID 0, 1 and 10 supported)

SATA Controller
Intel on-chip controller for six-port 3 Gb/s SATA (RAID 0, 1, 5 and 10 supported)

Drive Bays
Eight (8) hot-swap drive bays to house eight SAS or six SATA drives

Peripheral Drive Bays
Two (2) 5.25" drive bays

Expansion Slots
Supports the use of six standard size PCI add-on cards: two PXI-E 2.0 x16 slots, one PCI-E x4 (in a x8 slot) and three PCI slots.

Serverboard
X8DA3 (7046A-3) or X8DAi (7046A-T) (Extended ATX form factor)
Dimensions: 12" x 13" (305 x 330 mm)

Chassis
SC743TQ-865B-SQ Form Factor: tower/4U rackmount
Dimensions (as tower): (WxHxD) 7 x 17.2 x 25.5 in. (178 x 437 x 648 mm)

Weight
Gross (Bare Bone): 64 lbs. (29.1 kg.)

System Cooling
Two (2) 8-cm low-noise chassis fans
One (1) 9-cm low-noise exhaust fan
Two (2) active CPU heatsinks

System Input Requirements
AC Input Voltage: 100-240V AC auto-range
Rated Input Current: 100 (12A) - 240V (6A)
Rated Input Frequency: 50 to 60 Hz

PFC Power Supply
Rated Output Power: 865W (Part# PWS-865-PQ)
Rated Output Voltages: +3.3V (30A), +5V (30A), +12V_{ALL} (70A), +5Vsb (6.5A)

Operating Environment
Operating Temperature: 10º to 35º C (50º to 95º F)
Non-operating Temperature: -40º to 70º C (-40º to 158º F)
Operating Relative Humidity: 8% to 90% (non-condensing)
Non-operating Relative Humidity: 5 to 95% (non-condensing)

Regulatory Compliance
Electromagnetic Emissions: FCC Class A, EN 55022 Class A, EN 61000-3-2/-3-3, CISPR 22 Class A

Electromagnetic Immunity: EN 55024/CISPR 24, (EN 61000-4-2, EN 61000-4-3, EN 61000-4-4, EN 61000-4-5, EN 61000-4-6, EN 61000-4-8, EN 61000-4-11)
Safety: CSA/EN/IEC/UL 60950-1 Compliant, UL or CSA Listed (USA and Canada), CE Marking (Europe)

California Best Management Practices Regulations for Perchlorate Materials:
This Perchlorate warning applies only to products containing CR (Manganese Dioxide) Lithium coin cells. “Perchlorate Material-special handling may apply. See www.dtsc.ca.gov/hazardouswaste/perchlorate”

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